The State Board of Education (SBOE) proposes the repeal of §§130.13, 130.14, and 130.308-130.310 and new §§130.123-130.127, 130.315-130.318, 130.420-130.435, and 130.485-130.491, concerning Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for career and technical education (CTE). The proposed repeals and new sections would update the TEKS to align with recent legislation requiring the board to consolidate high school technology applications TEKS into CTE TEKS and eliminate TEKS for duplicative courses. The proposed new sections would also update the TEKS for CTE to add a new career cluster in energy to align with revised programs of study.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION: The 86th Texas Legislature, 2019, passed House Bill 963, which required the SBOE, not later than March 1, 2020, to conduct a review of the TEKS for CTE and technology applications courses for Grades 9-12 and amend the board's rules to consolidate courses and eliminate duplicative courses. The SBOE is only required to implement this provision if the legislature appropriated money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature did not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the SBOE may, but is not required to, implement a requirement using other appropriations available for that purpose. The legislature did not appropriate money specifically for the purpose of implementing this requirement.

Texas is redesigning state-level programs of study to include coherent and rigorous content with challenging academic standards and relevant career and technical content. Programs of study will be aligned with state and regional labor market information, including high-wage, high-skill, and in-demand occupations. As a part of the program of study revision process, Texas conducted a statewide labor market analysis that discovered several instances where occupations and postsecondary training overlap. As part of this process, it was recommended that a new career cluster in energy be added to address programs of study in the energy industry.

In Chapter 130, repealed courses from 19 TAC Chapter 126 would be proposed as new courses in Subchapters C, K, and O. Subchapter K would also include the repeal of duplicative courses in web technologies and computer programming. New Subchapter Q would include two courses currently contained in Subchapter A as well as five new courses.

The SBOE approved the proposed rule actions for first reading and filing authorization at its January 31, 2020 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: Monica Martinez, associate commissioner for standards and support services, has determined that for the first five-year period the proposal is in effect there are no additional costs to state or local government required to comply with the proposal.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT: The proposal has no effect on local economy; therefore, no local employment impact statement is required under Texas Government Code, §2001.022.

SMALL BUSINESS, MICROBUSINESS, AND RURAL COMMUNITY IMPACT: The proposal has no direct adverse economic impact for small businesses, microbusinesses, or rural communities; therefore, no regulatory flexibility analysis specified in Texas Government Code, §2006.002, is required.

COST INCREASE TO REGULATED PERSONS: The proposal does not impose a cost on regulated persons, another state agency, a special district, or a local government and, therefore, is not subject to Texas Government Code, §2001.0045.

TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT: The proposal does not impose a burden on private real property and, therefore, does not constitute a taking under Texas Government Code, §2007.043.

GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT: Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff prepared a Government Growth Impact Statement assessment for this proposed rulemaking. The proposed rulemaking would create new regulations and repeal existing regulations. The proposed revisions would consolidate high school technology applications TEKS into the CTE TEKS and eliminate TEKS for duplicative courses. The proposed revisions would also update the TEKS for CTE to add a new career cluster in energy to align with revised programs of study.

The proposed rulemaking would not create or eliminate a government program; would not require the creation of new employee positions or elimination of existing employee positions; would not require an increase or decrease in
future legislative appropriations to the agency; would not require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the agency; would not expand or limit an existing regulation; would not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to its applicability; and would not positively or adversely affect the state's economy.

PUBLIC BENEFIT AND COST TO PERSONS: Ms. Martinez has determined that for each year of the first five years the proposal is in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of enforcing the proposal would be consolidating high school technology applications TEKS into the CTE TEKS and eliminating TEKS for duplicative courses. There is no anticipated economic cost to persons who are required to comply with the proposal.

DATA AND REPORTING IMPACT: The proposal would have no new data and reporting impact.

PRINCIPAL AND CLASSROOM TEACHER PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS: TEA has determined that the proposal would not require a written report or other paperwork to be completed by a principal or classroom teacher.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The public comment period on the proposal begins March 6, 2020, and ends April 10, 2020. A form for submitting public comments is available on the TEA website at https://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Laws_and_Rules/SBOE_Rules_(TAC)/Proposed_State_Board_of_Education_Rules/. Comments on the proposal may also be submitted to Cristina De La Fuente-Valadez, Rulemaking, Texas Education Agency, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701. The SBOE will take registered oral and written comments on the proposal at the appropriate committee meeting in April 2020 in accordance with the SBOE board operating policies and procedures. A request for a public hearing on the proposal submitted under the Administrative Procedure Act must be received by the commissioner of education not more than 14 calendar days after notice of the proposal has been published in the Texas Register on March 6, 2020.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The repeals are proposed under Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.102(c)(4), which requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) to establish curriculum and graduation requirements; TEC, §28.002(a), which identifies the subjects of the required curriculum; TEC, §28.002(c), which requires the SBOE to by rule identify the essential knowledge and skills of each subject in the required curriculum that all students should be able to demonstrate and that will be used in evaluating instructional materials and addressed on the state assessment instruments; and TEC, §28.025(a), which requires the SBOE to by rule determine the curriculum requirements for the foundation high school graduation program that are consistent with the required curriculum under the TEC, §28.002.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code, §§7.102(c)(4); 28.002(a) and (c); and 28.025(a).

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§130.13. Oil and Gas Production I (One Credit), Adopted 2015.

§130.14. Oil and Gas Production II (One Credit), Adopted 2015.
STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The new sections are proposed under Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.102(c)(4), which requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) to establish curriculum and graduation requirements; TEC, §28.002(a), which identifies the subjects of the required curriculum; TEC, §28.002(c), which requires the SBOE to by rule identify the essential knowledge and skills of each subject in the required curriculum that all students should be able to demonstrate and that will be used in evaluating instructional materials and addressed on the state assessment instruments; and TEC, §28.025(a), which requires the SBOE to by rule determine the curriculum requirements for the foundation high school graduation program that are consistent with the required curriculum under the TEC, §28.002.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The new sections implement Texas Education Code, §§7.102(c)(4); 28.002(a) and (c); and 28.025(a).

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§130.123. Digital Design and Media Production (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. This course is recommended for students in Grades 9-12.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications Career Cluster focuses on careers in designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content including visual and performing arts and design, journalism, and entertainment services.

(3) Digital Design and Media Production will allow students to demonstrate creative thinking, develop innovative strategies, and use communication tools in order to work effectively with others as well as independently. Students will gather information electronically, which will allow for problem solving and making informed decisions regarding media projects. Students will learn digital citizenship by researching current laws and regulations and by practicing integrity and respect. Students will demonstrate a thorough understanding of digital design principles that is transferable to other disciplines. The six strands include creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Creativity and innovation. The student employs a creative design process to create original projects as they relate to purposes and audiences. The student is expected to:

(A) create designs for defined projects such as graphics, logos, and page layouts;

(B) apply design elements and typography standards; and

(C) use visual composition principles.

(2) Communication and collaboration. The student understands professional digital media communications strategies. The student is expected to:

(A) adapt the language and design of a project for audience, purpose, situation, and intent;

(B) organize oral, written, and graphic information into formal and informal publications;
(C) interpret and communicate information to multiple audiences; and

(D) collaborate to create original projects, including seeking and responding to advice from others such as peers or experts in the creation and evaluation process.

(3) Research and information fluency. The student uses a variety of strategies to plan, obtain, evaluate, and use valid information. The student is expected to:

(A) obtain print and digital information such as graphics, audio, and video from a variety of resources while citing the sources;

(B) evaluate information for accuracy and validity; and

(C) present accurate information using techniques appropriate for the intended audience.

(4) Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. The student implements problem-solving methods using critical-thinking skills to plan, implement, manage, and evaluate projects; solve problems; and make informed decisions using appropriate digital tools and resources. The student is expected to:

(A) employ critical-thinking and interpersonal skills to solve problems and make decisions through planning and gathering, interpreting, and evaluating data;

(B) identify and organize the tasks for completion of a project using the most appropriate digital tools;

(C) distinguish design requirements as they relate to the purposes and audiences of a project and apply appropriate design elements;

(D) seek and respond to input from others, including peers, teachers, and outside collaborators;

(E) evaluate a process and project both independently and collaboratively and make suggested revisions; and

(F) transfer critical-thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making processes when using new technologies.

(5) Digital citizenship. The student complies with standard practices and behaviors and upholds legal and ethical responsibilities. The student is expected to:

(A) examine copyright and fair use guidelines with regard to print and digital media;

(B) model ethical and legal acquisition and use of digital resources such as licensing and established methods of citing sources;

(C) demonstrate proper digital etiquette, personal security guidelines, use of network resources, and application of the district’s acceptable use policy for technology; and

(D) identify and demonstrate positive personal qualities such as flexibility, open-mindedness, initiative, listening attentively to speakers, willingness to learn new knowledge and skills, and pride in quality work.

(6) Technology operations and concepts. The student uses technology concepts, systems, and operations as appropriate for a project. The student is expected to:

(A) define the purpose of a product and identify the specified audience;

(B) demonstrate appropriate project management to:

(i) create a plan for a media project such as a storyboard, stage development, and identification of equipment and resources; and

(ii) evaluate design, content delivery, purpose, and audience throughout a project’s timeline and make suggested revisions until completion of the project;

(C) use hardware, software, and information appropriate to a project and its audience to:
(i) acquire readily available digital information, including text, audio, video, and graphics, citing the sources;
(ii) create digital content through the use of various devices such as video camera, digital camera, scanner, microphone, interactive whiteboard, video capture, and musical instrument;
(iii) collaborate via online tools such as blogs, discussion boards, email, and online learning communities;
(iv) make decisions regarding the selection and use of software, taking into consideration operating system platform, quality, appropriateness, effectiveness, and efficiency;
(v) delineate and make necessary adjustments regarding compatibility issues, including digital file formats and cross-platform connectivity; and
(vi) demonstrate the ability to import and export elements from one program to another;

(D) use digital typography standards such as:
(i) one space after punctuation, the use of em- and en-dashes, and smart quotation marks;
(ii) categories of type, font, size, style, and alignment appropriate for the task;
(iii) type techniques such as drop cap, decorative letters, or embedded text frames as graphic elements;
(iv) leading and kerning, automatic text flow into linked columns, widows and orphans, and text wrap; and
(v) type measurement for inches and picas;

(E) apply design and layout principles and techniques to:
(i) incorporate the principles of design, including balance, contrast, dominant element, white space, consistency, repetition, alignment, and proximity;
(ii) apply the elements of design, including text, graphics, and white space;
(iii) apply color principles appropriate to the product in order to communicate the mood for the specific audience;
(iv) identify the parts of pages, including inside margin, outside margin, and gutter;
(v) create a master template, including page specifications and other repetitive elements; and
(vi) use style sheets, including a variety of type specifications such as typeface, style, size, alignment, indents, and tabs;

(F) demonstrate appropriate use of digital photography and editing to:
(i) use digital photography equipment to capture still-shot images that incorporate various photo composition techniques, including lighting, perspective, candid versus posed, rule of thirds, and filling the frame;
(ii) transfer digital images from equipment to the computer; and
(iii) demonstrate image enhancement techniques such as feathering, layering, color enhancement, and image selection using appropriate digital manipulation software;

(G) demonstrate appropriate use of videography equipment and techniques to:
(i) use digital photography equipment to capture video that incorporates video principles such as lighting, zooming, panning, and stabilization;
(ii) transfer video from equipment to the computer;
(iii) demonstrate videographic enhancement and editing techniques such as transitions, zooming, content editing, and synchronizing audio and video using appropriate digital manipulation software; and
(iv) export video in digital formats to be used in various delivery systems such as podcasting, downloadable media, embedding, and streaming; and

(H) deploy digital media into print, web, and video products to:
(i) produce digital files in various formats such as portable document format (PDF), portable network graphics (PNG), and HyperText Markup Language (HTML);
(ii) publish integrated digital content such as video, audio, text, graphics, and motion graphics following appropriate digital etiquette standards;
(iii) publish and share projects using online methods such as social media and collaborative sites;
(iv) incorporate various digital media into a printed document such as a newsletter, poster, or report;
(v) use printing options such as tiling, color separations, and collation; and
(vi) collect and organize student-created products to build an individual portfolio.

§130.124. Digital Art and Animation (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course.
Recommended prerequisite: Art, Level I. This course is recommended for students in Grades 9-12. This course satisfies the high school fine arts graduation requirement.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications Career Cluster focuses on careers in designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content including visual and performing arts and design, journalism, and entertainment services.

(3) Digital Art and Animation consists of computer images and animations created with digital imaging software. Digital Art and Animation has applications in many careers, including graphic design, advertising, web design, animation, corporate communications, illustration, character development, script writing, storyboarding, directing, producing, inking, project management, editing, and the magazine, television, film, and game industries. Students in this course will produce various real-world projects and animations. The six strands include creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.
Creativity and innovation. The student demonstrates creative thinking, constructs knowledge, and develops innovative products and processes using technology. The student is expected to:

(A) evaluate, edit, and create scripts for animations;

(B) identify and apply color theories, including harmony rules, tints, shades, gradients, color mixing, new color creation, and the visual impacts of specific color combinations using a digital format;

(C) compare, contrast, and integrate the basic sound editing principles, including mixing and manipulating wave forms, audio tracks, and effects;

(D) compare and contrast the rules of composition such as the rule of thirds or the golden section/rectangle with respect to harmony and balance;

(E) evaluate the fundamental concepts of a digital art and design such as composition, perspective, angles, lighting, repetition, proximity, white space, balance, and contrast;

(F) analyze digital art designs to interpret the point of interest, the prominence of the subject, and visual parallels between the structures of natural and human-made environments;

(G) distinguish among typefaces while recognizing and resolving conflicts that occur through the use of typography as a design element;

(H) use perspective, including backgrounds, light, shades and shadows, hue and saturation, and scale, to capture a focal point and create depth;

(I) use the basic principles of design such as proportion, balance, variety, emphasis, harmony, symmetry, and unity in type, color, size, line thickness, shape, and space;

(J) edit files using appropriate digital editing tools and established design principles such as consistency, repetition, alignment, proximity, white space, image file size, color use, and font size, type, and style; and

(K) identify pictorial qualities in a design such as shape and form, space and depth, or pattern and texture to create visual unity and desired effects in designs.

Communication and collaboration. The student uses digital media and environments to communicate and work collaboratively, including at a distance, to support individual learning and contribute to the learning experience of others. The student is expected to:

(A) use vocabulary as it relates to digital art, audio, and animation;

(B) demonstrate the use of technology to participate in self-directed and collaborative activities within the global community;

(C) participate in electronic communities;

(D) create technology specifications for tasks and rubrics for the evaluation of products;

(E) design and implement procedures to track trends, set timelines, and evaluate products;

(F) collaborate with peers in delineating technological tasks;

(G) publish and save information in a variety of ways, including print or digital formats;

(H) analyze and evaluate projects for design, content delivery, purpose, and audience; and

(I) critique original digital artwork, portfolios, and products with peers.

Research and information fluency. The student applies digital tools to gather, evaluate, and use information. The student is expected to:

(A) distinguish between and correctly apply process color (RGB and CMYK), spot color, and black or white;

(B) research the history of digital art and animation;
(C) research career choices in digital art and animation;
(D) use the Internet to retrieve information in an electronic format;
(E) demonstrate the appropriate use of digital imaging, video integration, and sound retrieved from an electronic format;
(F) import sounds from a variety of sources; and
(G) create planning designs such as rough sketches, storyboards, and brainstorming materials.

(4) Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. The student uses critical-thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems, and make informed decisions using appropriate digital tools and resources. The student is expected to:

(A) distinguish between and use the components of animation software programs such as cast, score, stage, and the animation manipulation interface;
(B) distinguish between and use different animation techniques such as path and cell animation, onion skinning, and tweening;
(C) create three-dimensional effects by layering images such as foreground, middle distance, and background images;
(D) apply a variety of color schemes such as monochromatic, analogous, complementary, primary/secondary triads, cool/warm colors, and split complements to digital designs;
(E) use the basic concepts of color and design theory such as working in a bitmapped and vector mode to create backgrounds, characters, and other cast members as needed for the animation;
(F) use the appropriate scripting language or program code to create an animation;
(G) use a variety of lighting techniques such as shadows and shading to create effects; and
(H) define the design attributes and requirements of products created for a variety of purposes such as posters, billboards, logos, corporate identity, advertisements, book jackets, brochures, and magazines.

(5) Digital citizenship. The student understands human, cultural, and societal issues related to technology and practices legal and ethical behavior. The student is expected to:

(A) discuss copyright laws/issues and use of digital information such as attributing ideas and citing sources using established methods;
(B) define plagiarism and model respect of intellectual property;
(C) demonstrate proper digital etiquette and knowledge of acceptable use policies when using technology; and
(D) evaluate the validity and reliability of sources.

(6) Technology operations and concepts. The student demonstrates a sound understanding of technology concepts, systems, and operations. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate knowledge and appropriate use of operating systems, software applications, and communication and networking components;
(B) make decisions regarding the selection and use of software and Internet resources;
(C) make necessary adjustments regarding compatibility issues with digital file formats, importing and exporting data, and cross-platform compatibility; and
(D) read, use, and develop technical documentation.
§130.125. 3-D Modeling and Animation (One Credit)

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. Recommended prerequisite: Art, Level I. This course is recommended for students in Grades 9-12. This course satisfies the high school fine arts graduation requirement.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications Career Cluster focuses on careers in designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content including visual and performing arts and design, journalism, and entertainment services.

(3) 3-D Modeling and Animation consists of computer images created in a virtual three-dimensional (3-D) environment. 3-D Modeling and Animation has applications in many careers, including criminal justice, crime scene, and legal applications; construction and architecture; engineering and design; and the movie and game industries. Students in this course will produce various 3-D models of real-world objects. The six strands include creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Creativity and innovation. The student demonstrates creative thinking, constructs knowledge, and develops innovative products and processes using technology. The student is expected to:

(A) evaluate, edit, and create scripts for animations;
(B) identify and apply color theories, including harmony rules, tints, shades, gradients, color mixing, new color creation, and the visual impacts of specific color combinations using a digital format;
(C) apply texture, transparency, skinning, and contour along a 3-D object surface;
(D) compare, contrast, and integrate the basic sound editing principles, including mixing and manipulating wave forms, audio tracks, and effects;
(E) compare and contrast the rules of composition such as the rule of thirds or the golden section/rectangle with respect to harmony and balance;
(F) evaluate the fundamental concepts of 3-D modeling and design such as composition, perspective, angles, lighting, repetition, proximity, white space, balance, and contrast;
(G) analyze 3-D model objects to interpret the point of interest, the prominence of the subject, and visual parallels between the structures of natural and human-made environments;
(H) distinguish among typefaces while recognizing and resolving conflicts that occur through the use of typography as a design element;
(I) use perspective, including spot and directional light, backgrounds, ambience, shades and shadows, and hue and saturation;
(J) use the basic principles of design such as proportion, balance, variety, emphasis, harmony, symmetry, and unity in type, color, size, line thickness, shape, and space;
(K) edit files using appropriate digital editing tools and established design principles such as consistency, repetition, alignment, proximity, white space, image file size, color use, font size, type, and style; and

(L) identify pictorial qualities in a design such as shape and form, space and depth, or pattern and texture to create visual unity and desired effects in designs.

(2) Communication and collaboration. The student uses digital media and environments to communicate and work collaboratively, including at a distance, to support individual learning and contribute to the learning experience of others. The student is expected to:

(A) use vocabulary as it relates to digital art, audio, and animation;

(B) demonstrate the use of technology to participate in self-directed and collaborative activities within the global community;

(C) participate in electronic communities;

(D) create technology specifications for tasks and rubrics for the evaluation of products;

(E) design and implement procedures to track trends, set timelines, and evaluate products;

(F) collaborate with peers in delineating technological tasks;

(G) publish and save information in a variety of ways, including print or digital formats;

(H) analyze and evaluate projects for design, content delivery, purpose, and audience; and

(I) critique original 3-D digital artwork, portfolios, and products with peers.

(3) Research and information fluency. The student applies digital tools to gather, evaluate, and use information. The student is expected to:

(A) distinguish among and correctly apply process color (RGB and CYMK), spot color, and black or white;

(B) research the history of 3-D modeling and 3-D animation;

(C) research career choices in 3-D modeling and 3-D animation;

(D) use the Internet to retrieve information in an electronic format;

(E) demonstrate the appropriate use of 3-D objects, digital imaging, video integration, and sound retrieved from an electronic format;

(F) import sounds from a variety of sources; and

(G) create planning designs such as rough sketches, storyboards, and brainstorming materials.

(4) Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. The student uses critical-thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems, and make informed decisions using appropriate digital tools and resources. The student is expected to:

(A) distinguish between and use the components of 3-D animation software programs such as cast, score, environment, the X-Y-Z coordinate system, and the animation manipulation interface;

(B) distinguish between and use the different 3-D modeling techniques such as box modeling, transformation, and polygon primitives using extrusion and rotation;

(C) distinguish between and use the different 3-D animation techniques such as path and rendering using dynamics and physics;

(D) apply a variety of color schemes such as monochromatic, analogous, complementary, primary/secondary triads, cool/warm colors, and split complements to digital designs;

(E) use the basic concepts of color and design theory such as working with 3-D models and environments, characters, objects, and other cast members as needed for the animation;
(F) use the appropriate rendering techniques to create an animation;
(G) use a variety of lighting techniques such as shadow, shading, point, spot, directional, and ambient to create effects; and
(H) define the design attributes and requirements of a 3-D animation project.

(5) Digital citizenship. The student understands human, cultural, and societal issues related to technology and practices legal and ethical behavior. The student is expected to:
(A) discuss copyright laws/issues and use of digital information such as attributing ideas and citing sources using established methods;
(B) define plagiarism and model respect of intellectual property;
(C) demonstrate proper digital etiquette and knowledge of acceptable use policies when using technology; and
(D) evaluate the validity and reliability of sources.

(6) Technology operations and concepts. The student demonstrates a sound understanding of technology concepts, systems, and operations. The student is expected to:
(A) demonstrate knowledge and appropriate use of operating systems, software applications, and communication and networking components;
(B) make decisions regarding the selection and use of software and Internet resources;
(C) make necessary adjustments regarding compatibility issues with digital file formats, importing and exporting data, and cross-platform compatibility; and
(D) read, use, and develop technical documentation.

§130.126. Digital Communications in the 21st Century (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. This course is recommended for students in Grades 9-12.

(b) Introduction.
(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications Career Cluster focuses on careers in designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content including visual and performing arts and design, journalism, and entertainment services.

(3) Digital Communications in the 21st Century will prepare students for the societal demands of increased civic literacy, independent working environments, global awareness, and the mastery of a base set of analysis and communication skills. Students will be expected to design and present an effective product based on well-researched issues in order to thoughtfully propose suggested solutions to authoritative stakeholders. The outcome of the process and product approach is to provide students an authentic platform to demonstrate effective application of multimedia tools within the contexts of global communication and collaborative communities and appropriately share their voices to affect change that concerns their future. The six strands include creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Creativity and innovation. The student demonstrates the ability to analyze, evaluate, and adapt during the creative problem-solving process and demonstrates creative thinking in developing solutions to real-world issues using digital tools. The student is expected to:

(A) generate innovative, sustainable solutions for real-world issues such as global warming, immigration, or the global economy using emerging digital tools;

(B) gather and evaluate accurate information for feasibility and practicality as a basis for making communication decisions; and

(C) analyze the ethical and social responsibilities as a project team when communicating with peers, stakeholders, and experts.

(2) Creativity and innovation. The student uses innovative thinking to develop new ideas and processes for solving real-world issues and conveying those ideas to a global audience through a persuasive digital product. The student is expected to:

(A) examine real-world issues relating to current topics such as health care, government, business, or aerospace;

(B) develop innovative solutions to address issues;

(C) create unique methods and products conveying solutions to audiences beyond the classroom such as school officials, non-profit organizations, higher education officials, government, or other stakeholders;

(D) demonstrate the effective use and importance of verbal and nonverbal communication skills when presenting ideas and solutions to diverse audiences; and

(E) use appropriate techniques to manage communication apprehension, build self-confidence, and gain command of information.

(3) Communication and collaboration. The student develops a process to effectively communicate with peers, experts, and other audiences about current issues and solutions to global problems. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate innovative uses of a wide range of emerging technologies, including online learning, mobile devices, digital content, and Web 2.0 tools such as podcasting, wikis, and blogs;

(B) participate within appropriate electronic communities as a learner, initiator, and contributor;

(C) extend the learning environment beyond the school walls using appropriate digital tools;

(D) collaborate with a variety of field experts;

(E) prepare, organize, and participate in an informative or persuasive group discussion with an audience; and

(F) participate appropriately in conversations by making clear requests, giving accurate directions, and asking purposeful questions.

(4) Communication and collaboration. The student uses digital tools to facilitate collaboration and communication in the design, development, and evaluation of products offering solutions to real-world issues. The student is expected to:

(A) design and organize resources to create an effective collaborative working environment that enables a group to investigate a local, state, national, or global issue;

(B) analyze and evaluate effective communication;

(C) demonstrate leadership by managing project activities such as timelines, research, product development, marketing material, and effective communication skills;
(D) demonstrate effective management of diverse peer-group dynamics such as solving problems, managing conflicts, and building consensus; and
(E) evaluate original products for accuracy, validity, and compliance with copyright laws.

(5) Research and information fluency. The student uses a variety of strategies to acquire and evaluate information relating to real-world issues. The student is expected to:
(A) locate authoritative information from primary and secondary sources such as field experts, online full-text databases, or current news databases;
(B) make decisions regarding the selection, acquisition, and use of information gathered, taking into consideration its quality, appropriateness, effectiveness, and level of interest to society; and
(C) demonstrate fluency in the use of a variety of electronic sources such as cloud computing, emerging collaboration technologies, data mining strategies, and mobile or other technologies.

(6) Research and information fluency. The student uses a variety of digital tools to synthesize information related to real-world issues in student-created materials. The student is expected to:
(A) construct real-world informational materials that inform, persuade, or recommend reform of selected issues;
(B) identify and employ a method to evaluate the design, functionality, and accuracy of the student-created materials; and
(C) use effective strategies to organize and outline presentations to support and clarify points.

(7) Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. The student uses critical-thinking skills to conduct research, manage products, solve problems, and make informed decisions for real-world local, state, national, and global issues. The student is expected to:
(A) identify and define authentic problems and significant questions for investigation;
(B) design and implement procedures to track trends, set timelines, and review and evaluate progress for project completion;
(C) read and use technical documentation, including appropriate help options, to complete tasks; and
(D) analyze the audience, occasion, and purpose when designing presentations.

(8) Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. The student creates a product presenting solutions for real-world local, state, national, and global issues. The student is expected to:
(A) create technology specifications for tasks and rubrics to evaluate products and product quality against established criteria;
(B) resolve information conflicts and validate information by comparing data;
(C) represent diverse perspectives in problem solutions; and
(D) prepare and use visual or auditory aids such as scripts, notes, or digital applications to enhance presentations.

(9) Digital citizenship. The student examines ethical and legal behavior to demonstrate leadership as a digital citizen. The student is expected to:
(A) model safe and ethical use of digital information;
(B) model respect of intellectual property when manipulating, morphing, or editing graphics, video, text, and sound;
(C) use technology applications in a positive manner that supports productivity, collaboration, and continuing education; and
(D) use professional etiquette and protocol in situations such as making introductions, offering and receiving criticism, and communicating with digital tools.

(10) Digital citizenship. The student demonstrates ethical and legal behavior in the creation of student products. The student is expected to:

(A) use collaborative tools and strategies; and

(B) use digital tools to correctly document sources such as in bibliographies or works cited.

(11) Technology operations and concepts. The student makes decisions regarding the selection, acquisition, and use of digital tools in a multimedia classroom/lab, taking into consideration the quality, appropriateness, effectiveness, and efficiency of the tools. The student is expected to:

(A) determine the most appropriate file type based on universally recognized file formats such as portable document format (PDF), text format (TXT), rich text format (RTF), and Joint Photographic Experts Group format (JPEG);

(B) use compression schemes for photo, animation, video, and graphics; and

(C) distinguish among appropriate color, sound, and design principles such as consistency, repetition, alignment, proximity, and ratio of text to white space.

(12) Technology operations and concepts. The student demonstrates knowledge through various cloud and network technologies such as web-based interactive presentations, document sharing, and online scholarly databases. The student is expected to:

(A) use necessary vocabulary related to digital tools;

(B) retrieve and discriminate between authoritative and non-authoritative data sources; and

(C) adopt, adapt, and transfer prior knowledge to multiple situations when retrieving, manipulating, and creating original digital projects.

§130.127. Web Game Development (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. Recommended prerequisite: Web Design. This course is recommended for students in Grades 11 and 12.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications Career Cluster focuses on careers in designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content including visual and performing arts and design, journalism, and entertainment services.

(3) Web Game Development will allow students to demonstrate creative thinking, develop innovative strategies, and use digital and communication tools necessary to develop fully functional online games. Web Game Development has career applications for many aspects of the game industry, including programming, art principles, graphics, web design, storyboard and scripting, and business and marketing. The six strands include creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.
Creativity and innovation. The student demonstrates creative thinking, constructs knowledge, and develops innovative products and processes using technology. The student is expected to:

(A) research, evaluate, and demonstrate appropriate design of a web-based gaming site;
(B) illustrate ideas for web artwork from direct observations, experiences, and imagination;
(C) create original designs for web applications; and
(D) demonstrate the effective use of art media to create original web designs.

Communication and collaboration. The student uses digital media and environments to communicate and work collaboratively, including at a distance, to support individual learning and contribute to the learning experience of others. The student is expected to:

(A) understand and evaluate the use and appropriateness of webinars;
(B) examine, discuss, and summarize interactive online learning environments;
(C) distinguish between distance learning, virtual learning, and online learning;
(D) define and evaluate Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP);
(E) identify and apply end-user, peer, self-, and professional evaluations; and
(F) work collaboratively to create functioning programs and gaming products.

Research and information fluency. The student applies digital tools to gather, evaluate, and use information. The student is expected to:

(A) research, evaluate, and create web forms for database processing;
(B) identify the various programming languages and differentiate among the available web programming languages;
(C) research, evaluate, and summarize content management systems (CMS);
(D) differentiate between Common Gateway Interface (CGI) and computer-generated imagery (CGI);
(E) discuss, analyze, and summarize streaming media/content and game broadcasting;
(F) define and evaluate instant messaging (IM) within a game environment;
(G) analyze and discuss the history of gaming;
(H) discuss, analyze, compare, and contrast game types such as action, action-adventure, adventure, construction and management simulation, life simulation, massively multiplayer online role-playing (MMORPG), music, party, puzzle, role-playing, sports, strategy, trivia, and vehicle simulation;
(I) discuss, analyze, compare, and contrast gaming hardware, including console, personal computer, mobile, and web;
(J) compare and contrast web standards versus browser-specific languages;
(K) research, evaluate, and summarize e-commerce;
(L) investigate career opportunities in programming, gaming, art, design, business, and marketing;
(M) research the characteristics of existing gaming websites to determine local, state, national, and global trends;
(N) compare and contrast historical and contemporary styles of art as applied to website development;
(O) compare and contrast the use of the art elements of color, texture, form, line, space, and value and the art principles of emphasis, pattern, rhythm, balance, proportion, and unity.
in personal web game artwork and the web game artwork of others, using vocabulary accurately:

(P) describe general characteristics in artwork from a variety of cultures that influence web game design;

(Q) research and evaluate emerging technologies; and

(R) research and evaluate augmented reality (the supplementing of reality with computer-generated imagery) such as heads-up display and virtual digital projectors.

(4) Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. The student uses critical-thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems, and make informed decisions using appropriate digital tools and resources. The student is expected to:

(A) select an appropriate web programming language based on given criteria;

(B) develop requirements for a database and determine the appropriate means to insert, delete, and modify records;

(C) develop Structured Query Language (SQL) statements to retrieve, insert, modify, and delete records in a database;

(D) design and create a flow diagram to plan a database, program, and game;

(E) define and identify proper use of gaming graphics, including skins, textures, environment appearance, environment mapping, raster graphics, and vector graphics;

(F) plan an animation that includes the movement of characters, camera movements, camera angles, user point of view, mechanics of motion, backgrounds, settings, ambient objects, and environments;

(G) compare and contrast two-dimensional (2-D) and three-dimensional (3-D) animation;

(H) develop and create a gaming storyboard and script that shows the overall development of a storyline;

(I) identify and implement graphic and game design elements, including color, environment, time to completion, difficulty, story complexity, character development, device control, backstory, delivery, and online player(s);

(J) design and create decision trees for a game's artificial intelligence engine;

(K) compare and contrast available audio formats for optimal delivery;

(L) identify the similarities and differences among platforms, including the application of coding on a personal computer, mobile device, and gaming console;

(M) research and identify existing online game development tools;

(N) evaluate and determine network requirements for the delivery of online games to end users; and

(O) create visual solutions by elaborating on direct observation, experiences, and imagination as they apply to original web design.

(5) Digital citizenship. The student understands human, cultural, and societal issues related to technology and practices legal and ethical behavior. The student is expected to:

(A) explain game ratings and why games fit into certain ratings;

(B) assess games and game ratings in terms of their impact on societal interactions;

(C) model the ethical and legal acquisition of digital information following copyright laws, fair-use guidelines, and the student code of conduct;
(D) define and practice the ethical and legal acquisition, sharing, and use of files taking into consideration their primary ownership and copyright;

(E) examine original web game artwork to comply with appropriate behavioral, communication, and privacy guidelines, including ethics, online bullying and harassment, personal security, appropriate audience language, ethical use of files/file sharing, technical documentation, and online communities;

(F) interpret, evaluate, and justify artistic decisions in the creation of original art for web game design; and

(G) analyze original web game artwork and digital portfolios created by peers and others to form precise conclusions about formal qualities, historical and cultural contexts, intents, and meanings.

(6) Technology operations and concepts. The student demonstrates a sound understanding of technology concepts, systems, and operations. The student is expected to:

(A) create a website that includes:
   (i) an interactive database with elements such as SQL statements, Extensible Markup Language (XML), and Open Database Connectivity (ODBC);
   (ii) Javascript; and
   (iii) server-side processing, including Common Gateway Interface (CGI); bitmap and vector graphics; database creation, modification, and deletion; creation and maintenance of user accounts; user authentication; and documentation;

(B) create a fully functional online game that includes:
   (i) multiple game levels with increasing difficulty;
   (ii) high-score ranking;
   (iii) physics, including center of mass, collision detection, lighting, shading, perspective, anatomy, motion blur, lens flare, and reflections;
   (iv) art principles, including color theory, texture, balance, lighting, shading, skinning, and drawing;
   (v) graphics resolution, including pixel depth and compression;
   (vi) database creation, modification, and deletion;
   (vii) creation and maintenance of user accounts;
   (viii) user authentication;
   (ix) artificial intelligence;
   (x) game-level saving;
   (xi) mathematical functions;
   (xii) varying camera angles;
   (xiii) VoIP for online web games; and
   (xiv) documentation; and

(C) create a digital portfolio.
STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The repeals are proposed under Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.102(c)(4), which requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) to establish curriculum and graduation requirements; TEC, §28.002(a), which identifies the subjects of the required curriculum; TEC, §28.002(c), which requires the SBOE to by rule identify the essential knowledge and skills of each subject in the required curriculum that all students should be able to demonstrate and that will be used in evaluating instructional materials and addressed on the state assessment instruments; and TEC, §28.025(a), which requires the SBOE to by rule determine the curriculum requirements for the foundation high school graduation program that are consistent with the required curriculum under the TEC, §28.002.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code, §§7.102(c)(4); 28.002(a) and (c); and 28.025(a).

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§130.308. Web Technologies (One Credit), Adopted 2015.
§130.309. Computer Programming I (One Credit), Adopted 2015.
§130.310. Computer Programming II (One Credit), Adopted 2015.
STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The new sections are proposed under Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.102(c)(4), which requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) to establish curriculum and graduation requirements; TEC, §28.002(a), which identifies the subjects of the required curriculum; TEC, §28.002(c), which requires the SBOE to by rule identify the essential knowledge and skills of each subject in the required curriculum that all students should be able to demonstrate and that will be used in evaluating instructional materials and addressed on the state assessment instruments; and TEC, §28.025(a), which requires the SBOE to by rule determine the curriculum requirements for the foundation high school graduation program that are consistent with the required curriculum under the TEC, §28.002.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The new sections implement Texas Education Code, §§7.102(c)(4); 28.002(a) and (c); and 28.025(a).

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§130.315. Web Communications (One-Half Credit).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one-half credit for successful completion of this course. This course is recommended for students in Grade 9.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Information Technology (IT) Career Cluster focuses on building linkages in IT occupations for entry level, technical, and professional careers related to the design, development, support, and management of hardware, software, multimedia, and systems integration services.

(3) In Web Communications, students will acquire knowledge of web communications and technological operations and concepts. This is an exploratory course in web communications. The six strands include creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Creativity and innovation. The student demonstrates creative thinking, constructs knowledge, and develops innovative products and processes using technology. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate proficiency in the use of local and online collaboration;

(B) create websites using web editors or web authoring programs;

(C) evaluate the accessibility and usability of original websites; and

(D) conceptualize possible technologies based on current technical trends.

(2) Communication and collaboration. The student uses digital technology to work collaboratively toward his or her own learning and the learning of others. The student is expected to:

(A) analyze and implement the proper and acceptable use of digital/virtual communications technologies such as instant messaging (IM), chat, email, and social networking;

(B) define and implement the acquisition, sharing, and use of files taking into consideration primary ownership and copyright;
(C) apply decisions regarding the selection, acquisition, and sharing of uniform resource
locators (URLs) used in research, taking into consideration their quality, appropriateness,
and effectiveness; and

(D) solve problems using critical-thinking strategies.

(3) Research and information fluency. The student applies digital tools to gather, evaluate, and use
information. The student is expected to:

(A) verify the accuracy, validity, and currency of acquired information;

(B) conduct effective searches using Boolean operators;

(C) acquire and use appropriate vocabulary terms;

(D) cite sources appropriately using established methods;

(E) model ethical and legal acquisition of digital information following guidelines in the
student code of conduct, including plagiarism and copyright laws;

(F) identify and discuss emerging technologies and their impact;

(G) understand Internet history and structure and how they impact current use; and

(H) demonstrate appropriate use of grammar, spelling, and vocabulary when creating original
work.

(4) Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. The student uses critical-thinking skills
to plan and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems, and make informed decisions
using appropriate digital tools and resources. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate the transfer and adaptation of knowledge through the creation of original
work;

(B) evaluate and implement security measures such as firewalls and Hypertext Transfer
Protocol Secure (HTTPS) to protect original work;

(C) analyze and follow timelines needed to create, edit, and present original work;

(D) verify current licensing issues for software being used for the creation of original work;

(E) identify and evaluate the design and functionality of web pages using rubrics;

(F) optimize web information for fast download such as dial-up and high-speed Internet and
mobile devices; and

(G) evaluate original work through self-, peer, and professional review of websites.

(5) Digital citizenship. The student understands human, cultural, and societal issues related to
technology and practices legal and ethical behavior. The student is expected to:

(A) engage in online activities that follow appropriate behavioral, communication, and
privacy guidelines, including ethics, personal security, and verbiage determined by the
intended audience;

(B) understand the negative impact of inappropriate technology use, including online
bullying and harassment;

(C) implement online security guidelines, including identity protection, limited personal
information sharing, and password protection of a secure website; and

(D) advocate and practice safe, legal, and responsible use of information and technology.

(6) Technology operations and concepts. The student demonstrates a sound understanding of
technology concepts, systems, and operations. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate knowledge of hardware such as scanners, cameras, printers, video cameras,
and external hard drives;
(B) identify the parts of a computer and explain their functions;
(C) summarize the need, functionality, and use of servers;
(D) identify the advantages and disadvantages of running a personal web server versus using a web server provider;
(E) differentiate and appropriately use various input, processing, output, and primary/secondary storage devices;
(F) create and implement universally accessible documents;
(G) analyze bandwidth issues as they relate to audience, servers, connectivity, and cost;
(H) establish a folder/directory hierarchy for storage of a web page and its related or linked files;
(I) follow file and folder naming conventions, including spacing, special characters, and capitalization; and
(J) identify basic design principles when creating a website.

§130.316. Web Design (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. This course is recommended for students in Grades 9-12.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Information Technology (IT) Career Cluster focuses on building linkages in IT occupations for entry level, technical, and professional careers related to the design, development, support, and management of hardware, software, multimedia, and systems integration services.

(3) In Web Design students will acquire knowledge of web design and technological operations and concepts that support creativity, innovation, collaboration, information fluency, critical thinking and decision making. The six strands include creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Creativity and innovation. The student demonstrates creative thinking, constructs knowledge, and develops innovative products and processes using technology. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate proficiency in local and online collaboration;

(B) create a website using web editors and web authoring programs;

(C) evaluate the accessibility and usability of an original website as it relates to a target audience;

(D) conceptualize new possible technologies based on current technical trends;

(E) analyze the use of virtualization such as virtual classrooms, distance learning, virtual storage, and a virtual operating system;
(F) demonstrate knowledge and appropriate use of operating systems, software applications, and communication and networking components; and

(G) make decisions regarding the selection, acquisition, and use of software, taking into consideration its quality, appropriateness, effectiveness, and efficiency.

(2) Communication and collaboration. The student uses digital media and environments to communicate and work collaboratively, including at a distance, to support individual learning and contribute to the learning experience of others. The student is expected to:

(A) analyze and implement the proper and acceptable use of digital/virtual communications technologies such as instant messaging (IM), chat, email, and social networking;

(B) define and implement the acquisition, sharing, and use of files, taking into consideration their primary ownership and copyright;

(C) apply decisions regarding the selection, acquisition, and sharing of uniform resource locators (URLs) used in research, taking into consideration their quality, appropriateness, and effectiveness;

(D) solve problems using critical-thinking strategies; and

(E) compare, evaluate, and implement the use of wired versus wireless access.

(3) Research and information fluency. The student applies digital tools to gather, evaluate, and use information. The student is expected to:

(A) verify the accuracy, validity, and currency of acquired information;

(B) conduct effective searches with Boolean operators;

(C) acquire and use appropriate vocabulary terms;

(D) cite sources appropriately using established methods;

(E) model ethical and legal acquisition of digital information following guidelines in the student code of conduct, including plagiarism and copyright laws;

(F) identify and discuss emerging technologies and their impact;

(G) understand Internet history and structure and how they impact current use;

(H) demonstrate appropriate use of grammar, spelling, and vocabulary when creating original work;

(I) acquire, evaluate, and use various web standards such as World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), Ecma International, and Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) to make informed decisions and implement standards in original work;

(J) understand, analyze, and use interactive websites;

(K) understand, evaluate, and determine the appropriate use of dynamic and static websites;

(L) understand, evaluate, and determine the appropriate use of open/closed source file formats and software;

(M) explain and demonstrate how search engines work such as advanced options, preferences, advertising, and search categories;

(N) evaluate, create, and apply principles of project management, including web storyboards, site maps, job duties, time constraints, group dynamics, communication interaction, and project completion, evaluation, and feedback;

(O) understand the use and application of a virtual private network (VPN);

(P) distinguish among protocols, including Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) and File Transfer Protocol (FTP);
summarize the technical needs of a World Wide Web server, including random access memory (RAM), hard disk capacity, central processing unit (CPU) speed, busses, methods of connectivity, and appropriate software;

demonstrate proficiency in the use of a variety of electronic input devices such as keyboard, scanner, voice/sound recorder, mouse, touch screen, or digital video by incorporating such components while publishing web pages;

demonstrate proper digital etiquette and knowledge of acceptable use policies when using networks, especially resources on the Internet and intranets;

demonstrate proficiency in and appropriate use and navigation of local area networks (LANs), wide area networks (WANs), the Internet, and intranets for research and resource sharing;

construct appropriate search strategies in the acquisition of information from the Internet, including keyword searches and searches with Boolean operators; and

acquire information in electronic formats, including text, audio, video, and graphics, citing the source.

Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. The student uses critical-thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems, and make informed decisions using appropriate digital tools and resources. The student is expected to:

demonstrate the transfer and adaptation of knowledge through the creation of original work;

evaluate and implement security measures to protect original work such as firewalls and Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS);

analyze and follow timelines needed to create, edit, and present original work;

verify current licensing issues for software being used for the creation of original work;

identify and evaluate the design and functionality of web pages using rubrics;

optimize web information for fast download such as dial-up and high-speed Internet and mobile devices;

evaluate original work through self-, peer, and professional review of websites;

evaluate the types, functions, and target audiences of websites;

read, use, and develop technical documents;

analyze, examine, assess, and decide on servers as they relate to the management of a website;

analyze, examine, assess, and decide on a web host;

analyze, examine, assess, and decide on domain name acquisition and retention;

evaluate the functionality of a website such as color scheme, grammar, technological constraints, age appropriateness, cross-platform usability, and user relevant criteria as it relates to an intended audience;

identify software file formats and their characteristics and appropriate use;

identify and apply search engine optimization (SEO) to ensure optimal website visibility;

investigate and choose electronic security methods for a web server to protect from unauthorized access and negative intentions; and

draw conclusions from data gathered from electronic and telecommunication resources.
Digital citizenship. The student understands human, cultural, and societal issues related to technology and practices legal and ethical behavior. The student is expected to:

(A) engage in online activities that follow appropriate behavioral, communication, and privacy guidelines, including ethics, personal security, verbiage determined by the intended audience, and ethical use of files and file sharing;

(B) understand the negative impact of inappropriate technology use, including online bullying and harassment;

(C) implement online security guidelines, including identity protection, limited personal information sharing, and password protection of a secure website;

(D) engage in safe, legal, and responsible use of information and technology;

(E) understand and respond to local, state, national, and global issues to ensure appropriate cross-browser and cross-platform usability;

(F) interpret, use, and develop a safe online shared computing environment;

(G) identify legal, ethical, appropriate, and safe website marketing practices;

(H) identify legal, ethical, appropriate, and safe multimedia usage, including video, audio, graphics, animation, and emerging trends;

(I) analyze the impact of the World Wide Web on society through research, interviews, and personal observation; and

(J) participate in relevant and meaningful activities in the larger community and society to create electronic projects.

Technology operations and concepts. The student demonstrates a sound understanding of technology concepts, systems, and operations. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate knowledge of hardware, including scanners, cameras, printers, video cameras, and external hard drives;

(B) identify the parts of a computer and explain its functions;

(C) summarize the need for and functionality and use of servers;

(D) identify the advantages and disadvantages of running a personal web server versus using a web server provider;

(E) differentiate and appropriately use various input, processing, output, and primary/secondary storage devices;

(F) create and implement universally accessible documents;

(G) analyze bandwidth issues as related to audience, server, connectivity, and cost;

(H) establish a folder/directory hierarchy for storage of a web page and its related or linked files;

(I) create file and folder naming conventions to follow established guidelines, including spacing, special characters, and capitalization;

(J) identify basic design principles when creating a website, including white space, color theory, background color, shape, line, proximity, unity, balance (ratio of text to white space), alignment, typography, font size, type, style, image file size, repetition, contrast, consistency, and aesthetics;

(K) demonstrate knowledge of the six core domains (gov, net, com, mil, org, edu) and be familiar with new domain implementation;

(L) implement escape codes, HyperText Markup Language (HTML), cascading style sheets (CSS), and javascript through hard coding, web editors, and web authoring programs.
(M) identify and use FTP client software;
(N) implement java applet insertion;
(O) identify and differentiate various network topologies, including physical and logical;
(P) create, evaluate, and use web-based animation;
(Q) create, evaluate, and use video, including editing, compression, exporting, appropriateness, and delivery;
(R) demonstrate the ability to conduct secure communications from a web server to a client; and
(S) use hypertext linking appropriately when creating web pages.

§130.317. Independent Study in Technology Applications (One Credit), Beginning with School Year 2012-2013.

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. Recommended prerequisite: a minimum of one credit from the courses in the Information Technology Career Cluster. This course may be taken at Grades 9-12.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Information Technology (IT) Career Cluster focuses on building linkages in IT occupations for entry level, technical, and professional careers related to the design, development, support, and management of hardware, software, multimedia, and systems integration services.

(3) In Independent Study in Technology Applications, through the study of technology applications foundations, including technology-related terms, concepts, and data input strategies, students will communicate information in different formats and to diverse audiences using a variety of technologies. Students will learn to make informed decisions; develop and produce original work that exemplifies the standards identified by the selected profession or discipline; and publish the product in electronic media and print. Students will practice the efficient acquisition of information by identifying task requirements, using search strategies, and using technology to access, analyze, and evaluate the acquired information. By using technology as a tool that supports the work of individuals and groups in solving problems, students will select the technology appropriate for the task, synthesize knowledge, create solutions, and evaluate the results. The six strands include creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Creativity and innovation. The student demonstrates creative thinking, constructs knowledge, and develops innovative products and processes using technology. The student is expected to:

(A) apply existing knowledge to promote creativity in designing new technology products or services;

(B) design and implement procedures to track trends, set timelines, and review and evaluate progress for continual improvement in process and product;
produce electronic documentation to illustrate the progress of a project;
seek and respond to input from peers and professionals in delineating technological tasks and problem solving;
make necessary revisions and/or proceed to the next stage of study;
use technology terminology appropriate to the independent study course;
develop and apply advanced creativity and innovation employed in technology applications skills;
identify and solve problems, individually and with input from peers and professionals, using research methods and advanced creativity and innovation skills used in a selected profession or discipline;
develop products that meet standards identified by the selected profession or discipline; and
produce original work to solve an identified problem and publish a product in electronic media and print.

Communication and collaboration. The student uses digital media and environments to communicate and work collaboratively, including at a distance, to support individual learning and contribute to the learning experience of others. The student is expected to:
- format developed projects according to defined output specifications, including target audience and viewing environment;
- present findings to a panel for comment and professional response;
- determine and implement the best method of presenting or publishing findings;
- synthesize and publish information in a variety of print or digital formats;
- use evolving network and Internet resources and appropriate technology skills to create, exchange, and publish information;
- develop cultural understanding and global awareness by interacting with learners of other cultures through evolving digital formats and communication methods;
- collaborate with others to identify a problem to be solved, hypotheses, and strategies to accomplish a task;
- participate with electronic communities as a learner, initiator, contributor, and facilitator/mentor; and
- participate in relevant, meaningful activities in the larger community and society to create electronic projects.

Research and information fluency. The student applies digital tools to gather, evaluate, and use information. The student is expected to:
- use evolving network and Internet resources for research and resource sharing of technology applications;
- apply appropriate search strategies in the acquisition of information from the Internet, including keyword and Boolean search strategies;
- pose hypotheses and questions related to a selected problem;
- acquire information using appropriate research strategies with source citations through electronic formats, including interactive components, text, audio, video, graphics, and simulations; and
- identify, create, and use available file formats, including text, image, video, and audio files.
Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. The student uses critical-thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems, and make informed decisions using appropriate digital tools and resources. The student is expected to:

(A) evaluate the design, functionality, and accuracy of the accessed information;

(B) conduct systematic research;

(C) demonstrate creative-thinking and problem-solving skills;

(D) integrate appropriate productivity tools, including network, mobile access, and multimedia tools, in the creation of solutions to problems;

(E) use enriched curricular content in the creation of products;

(F) synthesize and generate new information from data gathered from electronic resources;

(G) read and use technical documentation; and

(H) write simple technical documentation relative to the audience.

Digital citizenship. The student understands human, cultural, and societal issues related to technology and practices legal and ethical behavior. The student is expected to:

(A) discuss intellectual property, privacy, sharing of information, copyright laws, and software licensing agreements;

(B) model ethical acquisition and use of digital information;

(C) model respect of intellectual property when editing graphics, video, text, and sound files;

(D) demonstrate proper etiquette, responsible use of software, and knowledge of acceptable use policies when using network resources;

(E) demonstrate best practices in understanding and applying information security;

(F) develop and maintain a technical documentation library in a variety of formats; and

(G) investigate how technology has changed and the social and ethical ramifications of computer usage.

Technology operations and concepts. The student demonstrates a sound understanding of technology concepts, systems, and operations. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate knowledge and appropriate use of input devices, operating systems, software applications, and communication and networking components;

(B) select, acquire, and use appropriate digital tools;

(C) delineate and make necessary adjustments regarding compatibility issues, including digital file formats and cross-platform connectivity; and

(D) use appropriate technology terminology and naming conventions.

§130.318. Independent Study in Evolving/Emerging Technologies (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. Recommended prerequisite: a minimum of one credit from the courses in the Information Technology Career Cluster. This course may be taken at Grades 9-12.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.
The Information Technology (IT) Career Cluster focuses on building linkages in IT occupations for entry level, technical, and professional careers related to the design, development, support, and management of hardware, software, multimedia, and systems integration services.

In the Independent Study in Evolving/Emerging Technologies course, through the study of evolving/emerging technologies, including technology-related terms, concepts, and data input strategies, students will communicate information in different formats and to diverse audiences using a variety of technologies. Students will learn to make informed decisions, develop and produce original work that exemplifies the standards identified by the selected profession or discipline, and publish the product in electronic media and print. Students will demonstrate efficient acquisition of information by identifying task requirements, using search strategies, and using technology to access, analyze, and evaluate the acquired information. By using technology as a tool that supports the work of individuals and groups in solving problems, students will select the technology appropriate for the task, synthesize knowledge, create solutions, and evaluate the results. The six strands include creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Creativity and innovation. The student demonstrates creative thinking, constructs knowledge, and develops innovative products and processes using technology. The student is expected to:

A. apply existing knowledge to promote creativity in designing new technology products or services;  
B. design and implement procedures to track trends, set timelines, and review and evaluate progress for continual improvement in process and product;  
C. produce electronic documentation to illustrate the progress of a project;  
D. seek and respond to input from peers and professionals in delineating technological tasks and problem solving;  
E. make necessary revisions and/or proceed to the next stage of study;  
F. use technology terminology appropriate to the independent study course;  
G. develop and apply advanced creativity and innovation employed in technology applications skills;  
H. identify and solve problems, individually and with input from peers and professionals, using research methods and advanced creativity and innovation skills used in a selected profession or discipline;  
I. develop products that meet standards identified by a selected profession or discipline; and  
J. produce original work to solve an identified problem and publish a product in electronic media and print.

(2) Communication and collaboration. The student uses digital media and environments to communicate and work collaboratively, including at a distance, to support individual learning and contribute to the learning experience of others. The student is expected to:

A. format developed projects according to defined output specifications, including target audience and viewing environment;  
B. present findings to a panel for comment and professional response;
(C) determine and implement the best method of presenting or publishing findings;
(D) synthesize and publish information in a variety of print or digital formats;
(E) use evolving network resources and appropriate technology skills to create, exchange, and publish information;
(F) develop cultural understanding and global awareness by interacting with learners of other cultures through evolving digital formats and communication methods;
(G) collaborate with others to identify a problem to be solved, hypotheses, and strategies to accomplish a task;
(H) participate with electronic communities as a learner, initiator, contributor, and facilitator/mentor; and
(I) participate in relevant, meaningful activities in the larger community and society to create electronic projects.

(3) Research and information fluency. The student applies digital tools to gather, evaluate, and use information. The student uses a variety of strategies to acquire information from electronic resources, with appropriate supervision. The student is expected to:

(A) use evolving network and Internet resources for research and resource sharing of technology applications;
(B) apply appropriate search strategies in the acquisition of information from the Internet, including keyword and Boolean search strategies;
(C) pose hypotheses and questions related to a selected problem;
(D) acquire information using appropriate research strategies with source citations through electronic formats, including interactive components, text, audio, video, graphics, and simulations; and
(E) identify, create, and use available file formats, including text, image, video, and audio files.

(4) Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. The student uses critical-thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems, and make informed decisions using appropriate digital tools and resources. The student is expected to:

(A) evaluate the design, functionality, and accuracy of the accessed information;
(B) conduct systematic research;
(C) demonstrate creative-thinking and problem-solving skills;
(D) integrate appropriate productivity tools, including network, mobile access, and multimedia tools, in the creation of solutions to problems;
(E) use enriched curricular content in the creation of products;
(F) synthesize and generate new information from data gathered from electronic resources;
(G) read and use technical documentation; and
(H) write simple technical documentation relative to the audience.

(5) Digital citizenship. The student understands human, cultural, and societal issues related to technology and practices legal and ethical behavior. The student is expected to:

(A) discuss intellectual property, privacy, sharing of information, copyright laws, and software licensing agreements;
(B) model ethical acquisition and use of digital information;
(C) model respect of intellectual property when editing graphics, video, text, and sound files;
(D) demonstrate proper etiquette, responsible use of software, and knowledge of acceptable use policies when using network resources;

(E) demonstrate best practices in understanding and applying information security;

(F) develop and maintain a technical documentation library in a variety of formats; and

(G) investigate how technology has changed and the social and ethical ramifications of computer usage.

(6) Technology operations and concepts. The student demonstrates a sound understanding of technology concepts, systems, and operations. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate knowledge and appropriate use of input devices, operating systems, software applications, and communication and networking components;

(B) select, acquire, and use appropriate digital tools;

(C) delineate and make necessary adjustments regarding compatibility issues, including digital file formats and cross-platform connectivity; and

(D) use appropriate technology terminology and naming conventions.
STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The new sections are proposed under Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.102(c)(4), which requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) to establish curriculum and graduation requirements; TEC, §28.002(a), which identifies the subjects of the required curriculum; TEC, §28.002(c), which requires the SBOE to by rule identify the essential knowledge and skills of each subject in the required curriculum that all students should be able to demonstrate and that will be used in evaluating instructional materials and addressed on the state assessment instruments; and TEC, §28.025(a), which requires the SBOE to by rule determine the curriculum requirements for the foundation high school graduation program that are consistent with the required curriculum under the TEC, §28.002.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The new sections implement Texas Education Code, §§7.102(c)(4); 28.002(a) and (c); and 28.025(a).

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§130.420. Fundamentals of Computer Science (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. This course is recommended for students in Grades 9-12.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing scientific research and professional and technical services, including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

(3) Fundamentals of Computer Science is intended as a first course for those students just beginning the study of computer science. Students will learn about the computing tools that are used every day. Students will foster their creativity and innovation through opportunities to design, implement, and present solutions to real-world problems. Students will collaborate and use computer science concepts to access, analyze, and evaluate information needed to solve problems. Students will learn the problem-solving and reasoning skills that are the foundation of computer science. By using computer science knowledge and skills that support the work of individuals and groups in solving problems, students will select the technology appropriate for the task, synthesize knowledge, create solutions, and evaluate the results. Students will learn digital citizenship by researching current laws and regulations and by practicing integrity and respect. Students will gain an understanding of the principles of computer science through the study of technology operations and concepts. The six strands include creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Creativity and innovation. The student develops products and generates new understanding by extending existing knowledge. The student is expected to:

(A) investigate and explore various career opportunities within the computer science field and report findings through various media;

(B) create and publish interactive stories, games, and animations;

(C) create and publish interactive animations;
(D) create algorithms for the solution of various problems;
(E) create web pages using a mark-up language;
(F) use the Internet to create and publish solutions; and
(G) design creative and effective user interfaces.

(2) Communication and collaboration. The student communicates and collaborates with peers to contribute to his or her own learning and the learning of others. The student is expected to:
(A) seek and respond to advice from peers and professionals in evaluating problem solutions;
(B) debug and solve problems using reference materials and effective strategies; and
(C) publish information in a variety of ways such as print, monitor display, web pages, and video.

(3) Research and information fluency. The student locates, analyzes, processes, and organizes data. The student is expected to:
(A) construct appropriate electronic search strategies; and
(B) use a variety of resources, including other subject areas, together with various productivity tools to gather authentic data as a basis for individual and group programming projects.

(4) Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. The student uses appropriate strategies to analyze problems and design algorithms. The student is expected to:
(A) demonstrate the ability to insert applets into web pages;
(B) find, download, and insert scripting code into web pages to enhance interactivity;
(C) understand binary representation of data in computer systems, perform conversions between decimal and binary number systems, and count in binary number systems;
(D) read and define a problem's description, purpose, and goals;
(E) demonstrate coding proficiency in a contemporary programming language by developing solutions that create stories, games, and animations;
(F) choose, identify, and use the appropriate data type to properly represent data in a problem solution;
(G) demonstrate an understanding of and use variables within a programmed story, game, or animation;
(H) demonstrate proficiency in the use of arithmetic operators to create mathematical expressions, including addition, subtraction, multiplication, real division, integer division, and modulus division;
(I) demonstrate an understanding of and use sequence within a programmed story, game, or animation;
(J) demonstrate an understanding of and use conditional statements within a programmed story, game, or animation;
(K) demonstrate an understanding of and use iteration within a programmed story, game, or animation;
(L) create an interactive story, game, or animation;
(M) use random numbers within a programmed story, game, or animation; and
(N) test program solutions by investigating valid and invalid data.
Digital citizenship. The student explores and understands safety, legal, cultural, and societal issues relating to the use of technology and information. The student is expected to:

(A) discuss copyright laws/issues and model ethical acquisition of digital information by citing sources using established methods;
(B) demonstrate proper digital etiquette and knowledge of acceptable use policies when using networks, especially resources on the Internet and on intranets;
(C) investigate measures such as passwords or virus detection/prevention to protect computer systems and databases from unauthorized use and tampering;
(D) understand the safety risks associated with the use of social networking sites;
(E) discuss the impact of computing and computing related advancements on society; and
(F) determine the reliability of information available through electronic media.

Technology operations and concepts. The student understands technology concepts, systems, and operations as they apply to computer science. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate knowledge of the basic computer components, including a central processing unit (CPU), storage, and input/output devices;
(B) use operating system tools, including appropriate file management;
(C) demonstrate knowledge and appropriate use of different operating systems;
(D) demonstrate knowledge and understanding of basic network connectivity;
(E) describe, compare, and contrast the differences between an application and an operating system; and
(F) compare, contrast, and appropriately use various input, processing, output, and primary/secondary storage devices.

§140.421. Computer Science I (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. Prerequisite: Algebra I. This course is recommended for students in Grades 9-12.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing scientific research and professional and technical services, including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

(3) Computer Science I will foster students' creativity and innovation by presenting opportunities to design, implement, and present meaningful programs through a variety of media. Students will collaborate with one another, their instructor, and various electronic communities to solve the problems presented throughout the course. Through data analysis, students will identify task requirements, plan search strategies, and use computer science concepts to access, analyze, and evaluate information needed to solve problems. By using computer science knowledge and skills that support the work of individuals and groups in solving problems, students will select the technology appropriate for the task, synthesize knowledge, create solutions, and evaluate the results. Students will learn digital citizenship by researching current laws and regulations and by practicing integrity and respect. Students will gain an understanding of the principles of computer science through the study of technology operations, systems, and concepts. The six strands include creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency;
critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Creativity and innovation. The student develops products and generates new understandings by extending existing knowledge. The student is expected to:

(A) participate with electronic communities as a learner, initiator, contributor, and teacher/mentor;

(B) extend the learning environment beyond the school walls with digital products created to increase teaching and learning in the other subject areas; and

(C) participate in relevant, meaningful activities in the larger community and society to create electronic projects.

(2) Communication and collaboration. The student communicates and collaborates with peers to contribute to his or her own learning and the learning of others. The student is expected to:

(A) create and properly display meaningful output;

(B) create interactive console display interfaces, with appropriate user prompts, to acquire data from a user;

(C) use Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs) to create interactive interfaces to acquire data from a user and display program results;

(D) write programs with proper programming style to enhance the readability and functionality of the code by using meaningful descriptive identifiers, internal comments, white space, spacing, indentation, and a standardized program style;

(E) improve numeric display by optimizing data visualization;

(F) display simple vector graphics using lines, circles, and rectangles;

(G) display simple bitmap images; and

(H) seek and respond to advice from peers and professionals in evaluating quality and accuracy.

(3) Research and information fluency. The student locates, analyzes, processes, and organizes data. The student is expected to:

(A) use a variety of resources, including foundation and enrichment curricula, to gather authentic data as a basis for individual and group programming projects; and

(B) use various productivity tools to gather authentic data as a basis for individual and group programming projects.

(4) Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. The student uses appropriate strategies to analyze problems and design algorithms. The student is expected to:

(A) use program design problem-solving strategies to create program solutions;

(B) define and specify the purpose and goals of solving a problem;

(C) identify the subtasks needed to solve a problem;

(D) identify the data types and objects needed to solve a problem;

(E) identify reusable components from existing code;
(F) design a solution to a problem;
(G) code a solution from a program design;
(H) identify and debug errors;
(I) test program solutions with appropriate valid and invalid test data for correctness;
(J) debug and solve problems using error messages, reference materials, language documentation, and effective strategies;
(K) explore common algorithms, including finding greatest common divisor, finding the biggest number out of three, finding primes, making change, and finding the average;
(L) analyze and modify existing code to improve the underlying algorithm;
(M) create program solutions that exhibit robust behavior by understanding, avoiding, and preventing runtime errors, including division by zero and type mismatch;
(N) select the most appropriate algorithm for a defined problem;
(O) demonstrate proficiency in the use of the arithmetic operators to create mathematical expressions, including addition, subtraction, multiplication, real division, integer division, and modulus division;
(P) create program solutions to problems using available mathematics libraries, including absolute value, round, power, square, and square root;
(Q) develop program solutions that use assignment;
(R) develop sequential algorithms to solve non-branching and non-iterative problems;
(S) develop algorithms to decision-making problems using branching control statements;
(T) develop iterative algorithms and code programs to solve practical problems;
(U) demonstrate proficiency in the use of the relational operators;
(V) demonstrate proficiency in the use of the logical operators; and
(W) generate and use random numbers.

(5) Digital citizenship. The student explores and understands safety, legal, cultural, and societal issues relating to the use of technology and information. The student is expected to:

(A) discuss intellectual property, privacy, sharing of information, copyright laws, and software licensing agreements;
(B) model ethical acquisition and use of digital information;
(C) demonstrate proper digital etiquette, responsible use of software, and knowledge of acceptable use policies;
(D) investigate measures, including passwords and virus detection/prevention, to protect computer systems and databases from unauthorized use and tampering; and
(E) investigate how technology has changed and the social and ethical ramifications of computer usage.

(6) Technology operations, systems, and concepts. The student understands technology concepts, systems, and operations as they apply to computer science. The student is expected to:

(A) compare and contrast types of operating systems, software applications, and programming languages;
(B) demonstrate knowledge of major hardware components, including primary and secondary memory, a central processing unit (CPU), and peripherals;

(C) differentiate among current programming languages, discuss the use of those languages in other fields of study, and demonstrate knowledge of specific programming terminology and concepts;

(D) differentiate between a high-level compiled language and an interpreted language;

(E) understand concepts of object-oriented design;

(F) use local and global scope access variable declarations;

(G) encapsulate data and associated subroutines into an abstract data type;

(H) create subroutines that do not return values with and without the use of arguments and parameters;

(I) create subroutines that return typed values with and without the use of arguments and parameters;

(J) understand and identify the data-binding process between arguments and parameters;

(K) compare objects using reference values and a comparison routine;

(L) understand the binary representation of numeric and nonnumeric data in computer systems;

(M) understand the finite limits of numeric data;

(N) perform numerical conversions between the decimal and binary number systems and count in the binary number system;

(O) choose, identify, and use the appropriate data types for integer, real, and Boolean data when writing program solutions;

(P) demonstrate an understanding of the concept of a variable;

(Q) demonstrate an understanding of and use reference variables for objects;

(R) demonstrate an understanding of how to represent and manipulate text data, including concatenation and other string functions;

(S) demonstrate an understanding of the concept of scope;

(T) identify and use the structured data type of one-dimensional arrays to traverse, search, and modify data;

(U) choose, identify, and use the appropriate data type and structure to properly represent the data in a program problem solution; and

(V) compare and contrast strongly typed and un-typed programming languages.

§130.422. Computer Science II (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. Prerequisite: Algebra I and either Computer Science I or Fundamentals of Computer Science. This course is recommended for students in Grades 11 and 12.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.
The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing scientific research and professional and technical services, including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

Computer Science II will foster students' creativity and innovation by presenting opportunities to design, implement, and present meaningful programs through a variety of media. Students will collaborate with one another, their instructor, and various electronic communities to solve the problems presented throughout the course. Through data analysis, students will identify task requirements, plan search strategies, and use computer science concepts to access, analyze, and evaluate information needed to solve problems. By using computer science knowledge and skills that support the work of individuals and groups in solving problems, students will select the technology appropriate for the task, synthesize knowledge, create solutions, and evaluate the results. Students will learn digital citizenship by researching current laws and regulations and by practicing integrity and respect. Students will gain an understanding of computer science through the study of technology operations, systems, and concepts. The six strands include creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

Knowledge and skills.

Creativity and innovation. The student develops products and generates new understandings by extending existing knowledge. The student is expected to:

(A) use program design problem-solving strategies to create program solutions;
(B) demonstrate the ability to read and modify large programs, including the design description and process development;
(C) follow the systematic problem-solving process of identifying the specifications of purpose and goals, the data types and objects needed, and the subtasks to be performed;
(D) compare and contrast design methodologies and implementation techniques such as top-down, bottom-up, and black box;
(E) analyze, modify, and evaluate existing code by performing a case study on a large program, including inheritance and black box programming;
(F) identify the data types and objects needed to solve a problem;
(G) choose, identify, and use the appropriate abstract data type, advanced data structure, and supporting algorithms to properly represent the data in a program problem solution;
(H) use object-oriented programming development methodology, data abstraction, encapsulation with information hiding, and procedural abstraction in program development and testing; and
(I) create, edit, and manipulate bitmap images that are used to enhance user interfaces and program functionality.

Communication and collaboration. The student communicates and collaborates with peers to contribute to his or her own learning and the learning of others. The student is expected to:

(A) use the principles of software engineering to work in software design teams, break a problem statement into specific solution requirements, create a program development plan, code part of a solution from a program development plan while a partner codes the remaining part, team test the solution for correctness, and develop presentations to report the solution findings;
create interactive console display interfaces with appropriate user prompts;
create interactive human interfaces to acquire data from a user and display program results using an advanced Graphical User Interface (GUI);
write programs and communicate with proper programming style to enhance the readability and functionality of the code by using meaningful descriptive identifiers, internal comments, white space, indentation, and a standardized program style;
improve data display by optimizing data visualization;
display simple vector graphics to interpret and display program results; and
display simple bitmap images.

3) Research and information fluency. The student locates, analyzes, processes, and organizes data. The student is expected to:
use local area networks (LANs) and wide area networks (WANs), including the Internet and intranets, in research, file management, and collaboration;
understand programming file structure and file access for required resources;
acquire and process information from text files, including files of known and unknown sizes;
manipulate data structures using string processing;
manipulate data values by casting between data types;
identify and use the structured data type of one-dimensional arrays to traverse, search, modify, insert, and delete data;
identify and use the structured data type of two-dimensional arrays to traverse, search, modify, insert, and delete data; and
identify and use a list object data structure to traverse, search, insert, and delete data.

4) Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. The student uses appropriate strategies to analyze problems and design algorithms. The student is expected to:
develop sequential algorithms using branching control statements, including nested structures, to create solutions to decision-making problems;
develop choice algorithms using selection control statements based on ordinal values;
demonstrate proficiency in the use of short-circuit evaluation;
demonstrate proficiency in the use of Boolean algebra, including De Morgan's Law;
develop iterative algorithms using nested loops;
identify, trace, and appropriately use recursion in programming solutions, including algebraic computations;
design, construct, evaluate, and compare search algorithms, including linear searching and binary searching;
identify, describe, design, create, evaluate, and compare standard sorting algorithms, including selection sort, bubble sort, insertion sort, and merge sort;
measure time/space efficiency of various sorting algorithms;
compare and contrast search and sort algorithms, including linear, quadratic, and recursive strategies, for time/space efficiency;
analyze algorithms using "big-O" notation for best, average, and worst-case data patterns;
(L) develop algorithms to solve various problems, including factoring, summing a series, finding the roots of a quadratic equation, and generating Fibonacci numbers;

(M) test program solutions by investigating boundary conditions; testing classes, methods, and libraries in isolation; and performing stepwise refinement;

(N) identify and debug compile, syntax, runtime, and logic errors;

(O) compare and contrast algorithm efficiency by using informal runtime comparisons, exact calculation of statement execution counts, and theoretical efficiency values using "big-O" notation, including worst-case, best-case, and average-case time/space analysis;

(P) demonstrate the ability to count, convert, and perform mathematical operations in the binary and hexadecimal number systems;

(Q) demonstrate knowledge of the maximum integer boundary, minimum integer boundary, imprecision of real number representations, and round-off errors;

(R) create program solutions to problems using the mathematics library class;

(S) use random algorithms to create simulations that model the real world;

(T) identify, understand, and create class specifications and relationships among classes, including composition and inheritance relationships;

(U) understand and explain object relationships among defined classes, abstract classes, and interfaces;

(V) create object-oriented definitions using class declarations, variable declarations, constant declarations, method declarations, parameter declarations, and interface declarations;

(W) create robust classes that encapsulate data and the methods that operate on that data and incorporate overloading to enrich the object's behavior;

(X) design and implement a set of interactive classes;

(Y) design, create, and evaluate multiclass programs that use abstract classes and interfaces;

(Z) understand and implement a student-created class hierarchy;

(AA) extend, modify, and improve existing code using inheritance;

(BB) create adaptive behaviors, including overloading, using polymorphism;

(CC) understand and use reference variables for object and string data types;

(DD) understand and implement access scope modifiers;

(EE) understand and demonstrate how to compare objects;

(FF) duplicate objects using the appropriate deep and/or shallow copy;

(GG) define and implement abstract classes and interfaces in program problem solutions;

(HH) apply functional decomposition to a program solution;

(II) create simple and robust objects from class definitions through instantiation;

(JJ) apply class membership of variables, constants, and methods;

(KK) examine and mutate the properties of an object using accessors and modifiers;

(LL) understand and implement a composite class; and

(MM) design and implement an interface.

(5) Digital citizenship. The student explores and understands safety, legal, cultural, and societal issues relating to the use of technology and information. The student is expected to:

(A) model ethical acquisition and use of digital information;
(B) demonstrate proper digital etiquette, responsible use of software, and knowledge of acceptable use policies; and

(C) investigate digital rights management.

(6) Technology operations and concepts. The student understands technology concepts, systems, and operations as they apply to computer science. The student is expected to:

(A) compare and contrast types of operating systems, software applications, hardware platforms, and programming languages;

(B) demonstrate knowledge of major hardware components, including primary and secondary memory, a central processing unit (CPU), and peripherals;

(C) demonstrate knowledge of major networking components, including hosts, servers, switches, and routers;

(D) demonstrate knowledge of computer communication systems, including single-user, peer-to-peer, workgroup, client-server, and networked;

(E) demonstrate knowledge of computer addressing systems, including Internet Protocol (IP) address and Media Access Control (MAC) address; and

(F) differentiate among the categories of programming languages, including machine, assembly, high-level compiled, high-level interpreted, and scripted.

§130.423. Computer Science III (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. Prerequisite: Computer Science II, Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science A, or International Baccalaureate (IB) Computer Science. This course is recommended for students in Grades 11 and 12.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing scientific research and professional and technical services, including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

(3) Computer Science III will foster students' creativity and innovation by presenting opportunities to design, implement, and present meaningful programs through a variety of media. Students will collaborate with one another, their instructor, and various electronic communities to solve the problems presented throughout the course. Through data analysis, students will identify task requirements, plan search strategies, and use computer science concepts to access, analyze, and evaluate information needed to solve problems. By using computer science knowledge and skills that support the work of individuals and groups in solving problems, students will select the technology appropriate for the task, synthesize knowledge, create solutions, and evaluate the results. Students will learn digital citizenship by researching current laws and regulations and by practicing integrity and respect. Students will gain an understanding of advanced computer science data structures through the study of technology operations, systems, and concepts. The six strands include creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

(4) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(5) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.
(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Creativity and innovation. The student develops products and generates new understandings by extending existing knowledge. The student is expected to:

(A) apply data abstraction and encapsulation to manage complexity;
(B) implement a student-created class hierarchy;
(C) read and write class specifications using visual organizers, including Unified Modeling Language;
(D) use black box programming methodology;
(E) design, create, and use interfaces to apply protocols;
(F) identify, describe, design, create, evaluate, and compare standard sorting algorithms that perform sorting operations on data structures, including quick sort and heap sort;
(G) select, identify, and use the appropriate abstract data type, advanced data structure, and supporting algorithms to properly represent the data in a program problem solution; and
(H) manage complexity by using a systems approach.

(2) Communication and collaboration. The student communicates and collaborates with peers to contribute to his or her own learning and the learning of others. The student is expected to:

(A) use local area networks (LANs) and wide area networks (WANs), including the Internet and intranets, in research, file management, and collaboration;
(B) create interactive human interfaces to acquire data from a user and display program results using an advanced Graphical User Interface (GUI);
(C) write programs and communicate with proper programming style to enhance the readability and functionality of the code by using meaningful descriptive identifiers, internal comments, white space, indentation, and a standardized program style; and
(D) work in software design teams.

(3) Research and information fluency. The student locates, analyzes, processes, and organizes data. The student is expected to:

(A) identify and use the structured data type of arrays of objects to traverse, search, modify, insert, and delete data;
(B) identify and use two-dimensional ragged arrays to traverse, search, modify, insert, and delete data;
(C) identify and use a list object data structure, including vector, to traverse, search, insert, and delete object data;
(D) understand and trace a linked-list data structure;
(E) create program solutions using a linked-list data structure, including unordered single, ordered single, double, and circular linked;
(F) understand composite data structures, including a linked list of linked lists;
(G) understand and create program solutions using stacks, queues, trees, heaps, priority queues, graph theory, and enumerated data types;
(H) understand and create program solutions using sets, including HashSet and TreeSet;
(I) understand and create program solutions using maps, including HashMap and TreeMap; and
(J) write and modify text file data.
(4) Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. The student uses appropriate strategies to analyze problems and design algorithms. The student is expected to:

(A) develop choice algorithms using selection control statements, including break, label, and continue;
(B) demonstrate proficiency in the use of the bitwise operators;
(C) develop iterative algorithms using do-while loops;
(D) demonstrate proficiency in the use of the ternary operator;
(E) create program solutions that use iterators;
(F) identify, trace, and appropriately use recursion;
(G) understand and create program solutions using hashing;
(H) perform pattern recognition using regular expressions;
(I) explore common algorithms, including matrix addition and multiplication, fractals, Towers of Hanoi, and magic square;
(J) create program solutions that exhibit robust behavior by understanding and avoiding runtime errors and handling anticipated errors;
(K) understand object-oriented design concepts of inner classes, outer classes, and anonymous classes;
(L) use object reference scope identifiers, including null, this, and super;
(M) provide object functionality to primitive data types;
(N) write program assumptions in the form of assertions;
(O) write a Boolean expression to test a program assertion; and
(P) construct assertions to make explicit program invariants.

(5) Digital citizenship. The student explores and understands safety, legal, cultural, and societal issues relating to the use of technology and information. The student is expected to:

(A) model ethical acquisition and use of digital information; and
(B) demonstrate proper digital etiquette, responsible use of software, and knowledge of acceptable use policies.

(6) Technology operations and concepts. The student understands technology concepts, systems, and operations as they apply to computer science. The student is expected to:

(A) compare and contrast high-level programming languages;
(B) create a small workgroup network;
(C) create and apply a basic network addressing scheme; and
(D) create discovery programs in a low-level language, high-level language, and scripting language.

§130.424. Digital Forensics (One Credit), Beginning with School Year 2019-2020.

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. This course is recommended for students in Grades 9-12.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.
The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing scientific research and professional and technical services, including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

Digital forensics is an evolving discipline concerned with analyzing anomalous activity on computers, networks, programs, and data. As a discipline, it has grown with the emergence of a globally-connected digital society. As computing has become more sophisticated, so too have the abilities of malicious agents to access systems and private information. By evaluating prior incidents, digital forensics professionals have the ability to investigate and craft appropriate responses to disruptions to corporations, governments, and individuals. Whereas cybersecurity takes a proactive approach to information assurance to minimize harm, digital forensics takes a reactive approach to incident response.

Digital Forensics introduces students to the knowledge and skills of digital forensics. The course provides a survey of the field of digital forensics and incident response.

Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

Knowledge and skills:

Employability skills. The student identifies necessary skills for career development and employment opportunities. The student is expected to:

(A) investigate the need for digital forensics;
(B) research careers in digital forensics along with the education and job skills required for obtaining a job in both the public and private sector;
(C) identify job and internship opportunities as well as accompanying duties and tasks;
(D) identify and discuss certifications for digital forensics careers;
(E) explain ethical and legal responsibilities in relation to the field of digital forensics;
(F) identify and describe businesses and government agencies that use digital forensics;
(G) identify and describe the kinds of crimes investigated by digital forensics specialists; and
(H) solve problems and think critically.

Employability skills. The student communicates and collaborates effectively. The student is expected to:

(A) apply effective teamwork strategies;
(B) collaborate with a community of peers and professionals;
(C) create, review, and edit a report summarizing technical findings; and
(D) present technical information to a non-technical audience.

Ethics and laws. The student recognizes and analyzes ethical and current legal standards, rights, and restrictions related to digital forensics. The student is expected to:

(A) develop a plan to advocate for ethical and legal behaviors both online and offline among peers, family, community, and employers;
(B) research local, state, national, and international law such as the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986, Title III (Pen Register Act); USA PATRIOT Act of 2001; and Digital Millennium Copyright Act;
(C) research historic cases or events regarding digital forensics or cyber;
(D) examine ethical and legal behavior when presented with confidential or sensitive information in various scenarios related to cyber activities;

(E) analyze case studies of computer incidents;

(F) use the findings of a computer incident investigation to reconstruct the incident;

(G) identify and discuss intellectual property laws, issues, and use;

(H) contrast legal and illegal aspects of information gathering;

(I) contrast ethical and unethical aspects of information gathering;

(J) analyze emerging legal and societal trends affecting digital forensics; and

(K) discuss how technological changes affect applicable laws.

(4) Digital citizenship. The student understands and demonstrates the social responsibility of end users regarding digital technology, safety, digital hygiene, and cyberbullying. The student is expected to:

(A) identify and use digital information responsibly;

(B) use digital tools responsibly;

(C) identify and use valid and reliable sources of information; and

(D) gain informed consent prior to investigating incidents.

(5) Digital forensics skills. The student locates, processes, analyzes, and organizes data. The student is expected to:

(A) identify sources of data;

(B) analyze and report data collected;

(C) maintain data integrity;

(D) examine metadata of a file; and

(E) examine how multiple data sources can be used for digital forensics, including investigating malicious software (malware) and email threats.

(6) Digital forensics skills. The student understands software concepts and operations as they apply to digital forensics. The student is expected to:

(A) compare software applications as they apply to digital forensics;

(B) describe the purpose of various application types such as email, web, file sharing, security applications, and data concealment tools;

(C) identify the different purposes of data formats such as pdf, wav, jpeg, and exe;

(D) describe how application logs and metadata are used for investigations;

(E) describe digital forensics tools;

(F) select the proper software tool based on appropriateness, effectiveness, and efficiency for a given digital forensics scenario; and

(G) describe components of applications such as configurations settings, data, supporting files, and user interface.

(7) Digital forensics skills. The student understands operating systems concepts and functions as they apply to digital forensics. The student is expected to:

(A) compare various operating systems;

(B) describe file attributes, including access and creation times;
(C) describe how operating system logs are used for investigations;
(D) compare and contrast the file systems of various operating systems;
(E) compare various primary and secondary storage devices; and
(F) differentiate between volatile and non-volatile memory.

(8) Digital forensics skills. The student understands networking concepts and operations as they apply to digital forensics. The student is expected to:
(A) examine networks, including Internet Protocol (IP) addressing and subnets;
(B) describe the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) model;
(C) describe the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) model;
(D) use network forensic analysis tools to examine network traffic data from sources such as firewalls, routers, intrusion detection systems (IDS), and remote access logs; and
(E) identify malicious or suspicious network activities such as mandatory access control (MAC) spoofing and rogue wireless access points.

(9) Digital forensics skills. The student explains the principles of access controls. The student is expected to:
(A) define the principle of least privilege;
(B) describe the impact of granting access and permissions;
(C) identify different access components such as passwords, tokens, key cards, and biometric verification systems;
(D) explain the value of an access log to identify suspicious activity;
(E) describe the risks of granting third parties access to personal and proprietary data on social media and systems;
(F) describe the risks involved with accepting Terms of Service (ToS) or End User License Agreements (EULA) without a basic understanding of the terms or agreements; and
(G) identify various access control methods such as MAC, role-based access control (RBAC), and discretionary access control (DAC).

(10) Incident response. The student follows a methodological approach to prepare for and respond to an incident. The student is expected to:
(A) define the components of the incident response cycle, including preparation; detection and analysis; containment, eradication, and recovery; and post-incident activity;
(B) describe incident response preparation;
(C) discuss incident response detection and analysis;
(D) discuss containment and eradication of an incident;
(E) describe post-incident activities such as reflecting on lessons learned, using collected incident data, and retaining evidence of an incident;
(F) develop an incident response plan; and
(G) describe ways a user may compromise the validity of existing evidence.

(11) Incident response. The student objectively analyzes collected data from an incident. The student is expected to:
(A) identify the role of chain of custody in digital forensics;
(B) describe safe data handling procedures;
explain the fundamental concepts of confidentiality, integrity, availability, authentication, and authorization;

identify and report information conflicts or suspicious activity;

identify events of interest and suspicious activity by examining network traffic; and

identify events of interest and suspicious activity by examining event logs.

Incident response. The student analyzes the various ways systems can be compromised. The student is expected to:

analyze the different signatures of cyberattacks; and

identify points of weakness and attack vectors such as online spoofing, phishing, and social engineering.

§130.425. Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science (One Credit), Beginning with School Year 2012-2013.

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. Prerequisite: Algebra II. This course is recommended for students in Grades 11 and 12.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing scientific research and professional and technical services, including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

(3) Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science provides the tools used in most areas of computer science. Exposure to the mathematical concepts and discrete structures presented in this course is essential in order to provide an adequate foundation for further study. Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science is generally listed as a core requirement for Computer Science majors. Course topics are divided into six areas: sets, functions, and relations; basic logic; proof techniques; counting basics; graphs and trees; and discrete probability. Mathematical topics are interwoven with computer science applications to enhance the students' understanding of the introduced mathematics. Students will develop the ability to see computational problems from a mathematical perspective. Introduced to a formal system (propositional and predicate logic) upon which mathematical reasoning is based, students will acquire the necessary knowledge to read and construct mathematical arguments (proofs), understand mathematical statements (theorems), and use mathematical problem-solving tools and strategies. Students will be introduced to discrete data structures such as sets, discrete functions, and relations and graphs and trees. Students will also be introduced to discrete probability and expectations. The six strands include creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Creativity and innovation. The student develops products and generates new understanding by extending existing knowledge. The student is expected to:

model algorithms and real-world situations using formal tools of symbolic logic;

model computer science problems by using graphs and trees; and
(C) calculate the probabilities of events and expectations of random variables for such problems as games of chance.

(2) Communication and collaboration. The student communicates and collaborates with peers to contribute to his or her own learning and the learning of others. The student is expected to:
(A) convert spoken language statements to appropriate statements in propositional logic;
(B) explain basic terminology of sets, functions, and relations;
(C) state the definition of the Master theorem;
(D) use the context of a particular application to interpret the meaning derived when computing the permutations and combinations of a set;
(E) interpret associated operations and terminology in context; and
(F) define and provide examples of logical equivalence, normal forms, validity, and modus ponens/modus tollens.

(3) Research and information fluency. The student locates, analyzes, processes, and organizes data. The student is expected to:
(A) construct truth tables for negation, conjunction, disjunction, implication, biconditional, and bit operators; and
(B) use truth tables to demonstrate propositional relations.

(4) Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. The student uses appropriate strategies to analyze problems and design algorithms. The student is expected to:
(A) analyze practical examples using appropriate models of sets, functions, and relations;
(B) compare and contrast tautology, contradiction, and contingency as related to propositional equivalences;
(C) compare and contrast examples and use of counterexamples, contrapositions, and contradictions;
(D) describe the appropriate use and limitations of predicate logic;
(E) apply formal methods of symbolic propositional and predicate logic;
(F) use formal logic proofs and logical reasoning to solve problems;
(G) outline the basic structure of proofs, including direct, indirect, contradiction, induction, existence, and constructive proofs;
(H) compare and contrast the types of problems best satisfied by direct, indirect, contradiction, induction, existence, and constructive proofs;
(I) relate mathematical induction to recursion and recursively defined structures;
(J) compare and contrast weak, strong, and structural induction, including when each is most appropriately used and examples of each;
(K) compare and contrast dependent and independent events;
(L) use recurrence equations to analyze algorithms and other practical problems;
(M) use counting techniques to analyze algorithms and other practical problems;
(N) apply probability tools to solve problems; and
(O) define, compare, and contrast simple graphs, multigraphs, and directed and undirected graphs using definitions, properties, and examples, including special cases.

(5) Digital citizenship. The student explores and understands safety, legal, cultural, and societal issues relating to the use of technology and information. The student is expected to:
(A) model ethical acquisition and use of digital information;
(B) demonstrate proper digital etiquette, responsible use of software, and knowledge of acceptable use policies; and
(C) investigate how the concepts of discrete mathematics are related to relevant problems and significant questions.

(6) Technology operations and concepts. The student understands technology concepts, systems, and operations as they apply to computer science. The student is expected to:
(A) perform operations associated with sets, functions, and relations;
(B) apply basic counting principles, including cardinality and the pigeonhole principle;
(C) apply appropriate precedence when using logical operators;
(D) use appropriate strategies, including De Morgan's Laws, to identify propositional equivalences;
(E) identify and appropriately use predicates, existential and universal quantifiers, and valid arguments;
(F) identify possible applications of proofs, including evaluating algorithmic complexity;
(G) state and appropriately use the product and sum rules;
(H) compute permutations and combinations of a set;
(I) solve a variety of basic recurrence equations;
(J) apply the binomial theorem to independent events;
(K) apply Bayes' theorem to dependent events;
(L) demonstrate transversal methods for trees and graphs; and
(M) relate graphs and trees to data structures, algorithms, and counting.

§130.426. Game Programming and Design (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. Prerequisite: Algebra I. This course is recommended for students in Grades 9-12.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing scientific research and professional and technical services, including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

(3) Game Programming and Design will foster student creativity and innovation by presenting students with opportunities to design, implement, and present meaningful programs through a variety of media. Students will collaborate with one another, their instructor, and various electronic communities to solve gaming problems. Through data analysis, students will include the identification of task requirements, plan search strategies, and use programming concepts to access, analyze, and evaluate information needed to design games. By acquiring programming knowledge and skills that support the work of individuals and groups in solving problems, students will select the technology appropriate for the task, synthesize knowledge, create solutions, and evaluate the results. Students will learn digital citizenship by researching current laws and regulations and by practicing integrity and respect. Students will create a computer game that is presented to an evaluation panel. The six strands include creativity and innovation;
communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Creativity and innovation. The student develops products and generates new understanding by extending existing knowledge. The student is expected to:

(A) understand the basic game design elements, including conceptual ideas, storyline, visualization, storyboard, game effects, sound elements, game play, game controls, and player tutorial;

(B) create a design concept document;

(C) create a storyboard;

(D) demonstrate an understanding of the fundamentals of game art, including the look and feel, graphics coordinate system, basics of color, and color palettes;

(E) use bitmap graphics images, including designing, creating, reading, and manipulating images;

(F) create backgrounds, including solid, image, and tiled backgrounds;

(G) write programs creating images using geometric shapes;

(H) create games using sprites by evaluating the role of sprites, creating sprites, and managing sprites;

(I) create programs using sprite sheets;

(J) demonstrate an understanding of image rendering, including transparency, refresh rate, hardware acceleration, and animation;

(K) find, create, and edit game audio sound effects and music; and

(L) implement game sound mechanics, including playing, pausing, and looping.

(2) Communication and collaboration. The student communicates and collaborates with peers to contribute to his or her own learning and the learning of others. The student is expected to:

(A) design and implement procedures to set timelines for, track the progress of, and evaluate a game product;

(B) seek and respond to input from peers and professionals in evaluating a game project;

(C) demonstrate knowledge and appropriate use of operating systems, program development tools, and networking resources;

(D) use network resources to acquire, organize, maintain, and evaluate information;

(E) collaborate to research the business of games, including the roles of developer, marketing, publisher, and retail sales; and

(F) demonstrate an understanding of and evaluate online technology, including online interaction and massive multiplayer games.

(3) Research and information fluency. The student locates, analyzes, processes, and organizes data. The student is expected to:

(A) play board games to research and collect game play data;
(B) evaluate, analyze, and document game styles and playability; and
(C) research the dramatic elements in games, including kinds of fun, player types, and nonlinear storytelling.

(4) Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. The student uses appropriate strategies to analyze problems and design algorithms. The student is expected to:
(A) demonstrate an understanding of the game design process, including generating ideas, brainstorming, and paper prototyping;
(B) write programs using variables of different data types;
(C) evaluate game rules and instructions;
(D) demonstrate an understanding of the user experience by comparing rules and game-play patterns;
(E) write game rules and instructions;
(F) develop game software;
(G) write computer game code, resolve game defects, and revise existing game code; and
(H) test a finished game product by implementing sound testing techniques.

(5) Digital citizenship. The student explores and understands safety, legal, cultural, and societal issues relating to the use of technology and information. The student is expected to:
(A) explore intellectual property, privacy, sharing of information, copyright laws, and software licensing agreements;
(B) model ethical acquisition and use of digital information;
(C) demonstrate proper digital etiquette when using networks, responsible use of software, and knowledge of acceptable use policies;
(D) model respect of intellectual property, including manipulating graphics, morphing graphics, editing graphics, and editing sound;
(E) discuss and evaluate the social issues surrounding gaming; and
(F) evaluate the cultural aspects of game design fundamentals, including rationale for games and types of games.

(6) Technology operations and concepts. The student understands technology concepts, systems, and operations as they apply to game programming. The student is expected to:
(A) identify basic game components, including the game engine, game play subsystems, data structures, models, and interfaces;
(B) generate random numbers in a program;
(C) create a program implementing conditional statements;
(D) develop an appropriate data model;
(E) demonstrate an understanding of and apply object-oriented game programming;
(F) demonstrate an understanding of game programming essentials, including event-driven programming, communicating with messages, and device management;
(G) demonstrate an understanding of the role of game events, the animation loop, and game timing;
(H) demonstrate an understanding of the role of game engines;
(I) demonstrate an understanding of video display flicker and double buffering;
apply basic game screen design and layout, including visual controls, user interfaces, menus, and options;

use game control design to understand, access, and control input devices, including keyboard, mouse, and joystick;

demonstrate an understanding of and apply game animation, including the principles of animation and frame-based animation;

demonstrate an understanding of decision making and types of decisions;

demonstrate an understanding of game events, including listeners, triggers, and timed events;

demonstrate an understanding of and implement collision detection, including bounding boxes and sprite collisions;

implement a tile-based game, including loading tile maps, drawing tile maps, rendering a tile map, and layering sprites;

demonstrate an understanding of artificial intelligence and develop and implement artificial intelligence;

demonstrate an understanding of game balance and tuning; and

demonstrate an understanding of player progression, including leveling, linear progression, and maintaining high score data.

§130.427. Mobile Application Development (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. Prerequisite: Algebra I. This course is recommended for students in Grades 9-12.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing scientific research and professional and technical services, including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

(3) Mobile Application Development will foster students' creativity and innovation by presenting opportunities to design, implement, and deliver meaningful projects using mobile computing devices. Students will collaborate with one another, their instructor, and various electronic communities to solve problems presented throughout the course. Through data analysis, students will identify task requirements, plan search strategies, and use software development concepts to access, analyze, and evaluate information needed to program mobile devices. By using software design knowledge and skills that support the work of individuals and groups in solving problems, students will select the technology appropriate for the task, synthesize knowledge, create solutions, and evaluate the results. Students will learn digital citizenship by researching current laws and regulations and by practicing integrity and respect. Students will gain an understanding of the principles of mobile application development through the study of development platforms, programming languages, and software design standards. The six strands include creativity and innovation; communication and collaboration; research and information fluency; critical thinking; problem solving, and decision making; digital citizenship; and technology operations and concepts.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.
(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) **Knowledge and skills.**

(1) **Creativity and innovation.** The student develops products and generates new understanding by extending existing knowledge. The student is expected to:

(A) create effective user interfaces appropriate for a specified mobile device that is best suited for an identified purpose;

(B) create effective user interfaces for browser-based, native, and hybrid mobile applications;

(C) create mobile application components appropriate for identified needs;

(D) create browser-based applications for mobile devices;

(E) create native applications that can reside on specified mobile devices; and

(F) create mobile applications that combine native and hybrid components.

(2) **Communication and collaboration.** The student communicates and collaborates with peers to contribute to his or her own learning and the learning of others. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate an understanding of and discuss how teams function;

(B) use teamwork to solve problems;

(C) describe the development workflow of mobile applications;

(D) use time-management techniques to develop and maintain work schedules, meet deadlines, and establish mobile application project criteria;

(E) describe a problem solution; and

(F) document and share problem solutions through various media.

(3) **Research and information fluency.** The student locates, analyzes, processes, and organizes data. The student is expected to:

(A) analyze, identify, and describe mobile application project stakeholders and their perspectives;

(B) collect and analyze available data to identify mobile application project requirements;

(C) analyze, identify, and describe input, output, and processing requirements; and

(D) analyze, identify, and define hardware and software specifications.

(4) **Critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making.** The student uses appropriate strategies to analyze problems and design algorithms. The student is expected to:

(A) compare and contrast design decisions based on the hardware considerations of a mobile device;

(B) compare and contrast available mobile technologies, including platforms and their operating systems;

(C) compare and contrast available development approaches, including application to specific technologies and platforms;

(D) determine the most appropriate solution for the development of a given mobile application, including browser-based, native, and hybrid approaches;

(E) compare and contrast available programming languages and how their use might be applied to specific technologies and platforms;

(F) identify and justify the selection of an appropriate programming language, including available resources and required interfaces;
(G) select an appropriate program development environment;
(H) identify and use available libraries;
(I) evaluate and justify the selection of appropriate options and components;
(J) compare and contrast available networks and their implications for mobile application development; and
(K) compare and contrast design strategies related to mobile network and device security.

(5) Digital citizenship. The student explores and understands safety, legal, cultural, and societal issues relating to the use of technology and information. The student is expected to:
(A) discuss copyright laws and issues;
(B) model ethical acquisition and use of digital information;
(C) cite sources using established methods;
(D) demonstrate proper digital etiquette and knowledge of acceptable use policies;
(E) investigate mobile device security measures such as passwords, virus detection, and virus prevention;
(F) describe potential risks and benefits associated with the use of a mobile application;
(G) identify current and emerging technologies related to mobile applications; and
(H) evaluate technologies and assess their applicability to current mobile applications.

(6) Technology operations and concepts. The student understands technology concepts, systems, and operations as they apply to computer science. The student is expected to:
(A) demonstrate an understanding of the difference between desktop and mobile applications;
(B) demonstrate an understanding of hardware and software structures and requirements in the design of mobile applications;
(C) recognize multiple platforms and demonstrate an understanding of their associated requirements;
(D) recognize various program development environments;
(E) demonstrate an understanding of event-based programming and its appropriate use;
(F) describe how memory management affects mobile application design;
(G) demonstrate an understanding of how low bandwidth and the mobility of a device affect the design of mobile applications;
(H) identify applications that are best suited for mobile devices;
(I) demonstrate an understanding of the use of libraries when designing mobile applications;
(J) use a simulation tool to emulate a mobile device's functionality; and
(K) use actual mobile devices to test mobile applications.

§130.428. Foundations of Cybersecurity (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. This course is recommended for students in Grades 9-12.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.
The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing scientific research and professional and technical services, including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

Cybersecurity is an evolving discipline concerned with safeguarding computers, networks, programs, and data from unauthorized access. As a field, it has gained prominence with the emergence of a globally-connected society. As computing has become more sophisticated, so too have the abilities of malicious agents looking to penetrate networks and seize private information. By evaluating prior incidents, cybersecurity professionals have the ability to craft appropriate responses to minimize disruptions to corporations, governments, and individuals.

In the Foundations of Cybersecurity course, students will develop the knowledge and skills needed to explore fundamental concepts related to the ethics, laws, and operations of cybersecurity. Students will examine trends and operations of cyberattacks, threats, and vulnerabilities. Students will review and explore security policies designed to mitigate risks. The skills obtained in this course prepare students for additional study in cybersecurity. A variety of courses are available to students interested in this field. Foundations of Cybersecurity may serve as an introductory course in this field of study.

Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

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(c) Knowledge and skills.

1. Employability skills. The student demonstrates necessary skills for career development and successful completion of course outcomes. The student is expected to:
   - (A) identify and demonstrate employable work behaviors such as regular attendance, punctuality, maintenance of a professional work environment, and effective written and verbal communication;
   - (B) identify and demonstrate positive personal qualities such as authenticity, resilience, initiative, and a willingness to learn new knowledge and skills;
   - (C) solve problems and think critically;
   - (D) demonstrate leadership skills and function effectively as a team member; and
   - (E) demonstrate an understanding of ethical and legal responsibilities in relation to the field of cybersecurity.

2. Employability skills. The student identifies various employment opportunities and requirements in the cybersecurity field. The student is expected to:
   - (A) identify job and internship opportunities as well as accompanying duties and tasks;
   - (B) research careers in cybersecurity and information assurance along with the education and job skills required for obtaining a job in both the public and private sectors;
   - (C) identify and discuss certifications for cybersecurity-related careers; and
   - (D) research and develop resumes, digital portfolios, or professional profiles in the cybersecurity field.

3. Ethics and laws. The student understands ethical and current legal standards, rights and restrictions governing technology, technology systems, digital media, and the use of social media. The student is expected to:
   - (A) demonstrate and advocate for ethical and legal behaviors both online and offline among peers, family, community, and employers;
(B) research local, state, national, and international cyber law such as the PATRIOT Act of 2001, General Data Protection Regulation, and Digital Millennium Copyright Act;

(C) research historic cases or events regarding cyber;

(D) demonstrate an understanding of ethical and legal behavior when presented with various scenarios related to cyber activities;

(E) define and identify techniques such as hacking, phishing, social engineering, online piracy, spoofing, and data vandalism; and

(F) identify and use appropriate methods for citing sources.

4) Ethics and laws. The student identifies the consequences of ethical versus malicious hacking. The student is expected to:

(A) identify motivations for hacking;

(B) identify and describe the impact of cyberattacks on the global community, society, and individuals;

(C) distinguish between a cyber attacker and a cyber defender;

(D) differentiate types of hackers such as black hats, white hats, and gray hats;

(E) determine possible outcomes and legal ramifications of ethical versus malicious hacking practices; and

(F) debate the varying perspectives of ethical versus malicious hacking.

5) Ethics and laws. The student identifies and defines cyberterrorism and counterterrorism. The student is expected to:

(A) define cyberterrorism, state-sponsored cyberterrorism, and hacktivism;

(B) compare and contrast physical terrorism and cyberterrorism, including domestic and foreign actors;

(C) define and explain intelligence gathering and counterterrorism;

(D) identify the role of cyber defenders in protecting national interests and corporations;

(E) identify the role of cyber defense in society and the global economy; and

(F) explain the importance of protecting public infrastructures such as electrical power grids, water systems, pipelines, transportation, and nuclear plants.

6) Digital citizenship. The student understands and demonstrates the social responsibility of end users regarding significant issues related to digital technology, digital hygiene, and cyberbullying. The student is expected to:

(A) identify and understand the nature and value of privacy;

(B) analyze the positive and negative implications of a digital footprint and the maintenance and monitoring of an online presence;

(C) discuss the role and impact of technology on privacy;

(D) identify the signs, emotional effects, and legal consequences of cyberbullying and cyberstalking; and

(E) identify and discuss effective ways to prevent, deter, and report cyberbullying.

7) Cybersecurity skills. The student understands basic cybersecurity concepts and definitions. The student is expected to:

(A) define information security and cyber defense;
(B) identify basic risk management and risk assessment principles related to cybersecurity threats and vulnerabilities;
(C) explain the fundamental concepts of confidentiality, integrity, availability, authentication, and authorization;
(D) describe the inverse relationship between privacy and security;
(E) identify and analyze cybersecurity breaches and incident responses;
(F) identify and analyze security concerns in areas such as physical, network, cloud, and web;
(G) define and discuss challenges faced by cybersecurity professionals;
(H) identify common risks, alerts, and warning signs of compromised computer and network systems;
(I) understand and explore the vulnerability of network-connected devices; and
(J) use appropriate cybersecurity terminology.

(8) Cybersecurity skills. The student understands and explains various types of malicious software (malware). The student is expected to:
(A) define malware, including spyware, ransomware, viruses, and rootkits;
(B) identify the transmission and function of malware such as Trojans, worms, and viruses;
(C) discuss the impact malware has had on the cybersecurity landscape;
(D) explain the role of reverse engineering for detecting malware and viruses;
(E) compare free and commercial antivirus software alternatives; and
(F) compare free and commercial anti-malware software alternatives.

(9) Cybersecurity skills. The student understands and demonstrates knowledge of techniques and strategies to prevent a system from being compromised. The student is expected to:
(A) define system hardening;
(B) demonstrate basic use of system administration privileges;
(C) explain the importance of patching operating systems;
(D) explain the importance of software updates;
(E) describe standard practices to configure system services;
(F) explain the importance of backup files; and
(G) research and understand standard practices for securing computers, networks, and operating systems.

(10) Cybersecurity skills. The student understands basic network operations. The student is expected to:
(A) identify basic network addressing and devices, including switches and routers;
(B) analyze incoming and outgoing rules for traffic passing through a firewall;
(C) identify well known ports by number and service provided, including port 22 (ssh), port 80 (http), and port 443 (https);
(D) identify commonly exploited ports and services, including ports 20 and 21 (ftp) and port 23 (telnet); and
(E) identify common tools for monitoring ports and network traffic.
Cybersecurity skills. The student identifies standard practices of system administration. The student is expected to:

(A) define what constitutes a secure password;
(B) create a secure password policy, including length, complexity, account lockout, and rotation;
(C) identify methods of password cracking such as brute force and dictionary attacks; and
(D) examine and configure security options to allow and restrict access based on user roles.

Cybersecurity skills. The student demonstrates necessary steps to maintain user access on the computer system. The student is expected to:

(A) identify the different types of user accounts and groups on an operating system;
(B) explain the fundamental concepts and standard practices related to access control, including authentication, authorization, and accounting;
(C) compare methods for single- and dual-factor authentication such as passwords, biometrics, personal identification numbers (PINs), and security tokens;
(D) define and explain the purpose of an air-gapped computer; and
(E) explain how hashes and checksums may be used to validate the integrity of transferred data.

Cybersecurity skills. The student explores the field of digital forensics. The student is expected to:

(A) explain the importance of digital forensics to law enforcement, government agencies, and corporations;
(B) identify the role of chain of custody in digital forensics;
(C) explain the four steps of the forensics process, including collection, examination, analysis, and reporting;
(D) identify when a digital forensics investigation is necessary;
(E) identify information that can be recovered from digital forensics investigations such as metadata and event logs; and
(F) analyze the purpose of event logs and identify suspicious activity.

Cybersecurity skills. The student explores the operations of cryptography. The student is expected to:

(A) explain the purpose of cryptography and encrypting data;
(B) research historical uses of cryptography; and
(C) review simple cryptography methods such as shift cipher and substitution cipher.

Risk assessment. The student understands information security vulnerabilities, threats, and computer attacks. The student is expected to:

(A) define and describe vulnerability, payload, exploit, port scanning, and packet sniffing as they relate to hacking;
(B) define and describe cyberattacks, including man-in-the-middle, distributed denial of service, and spoofing;
(C) explain how computer vulnerabilities leave systems open to cyberattacks;
(D) identify threats to systems such as back-door attacks and insider threats;
(E) differentiate types of social engineering attacks such as phishing, shoulder surfing, hoaxes, and dumpster diving.
(F) explain how users are the most common vehicle for compromising a system at the application level; and
(G) identify various types of application-specific attacks.

(16) Risk assessment. The student understands, identifies, and explains the strategies and techniques of both ethical and malicious hackers. The student is expected to:
(A) identify internal and external threats to computer systems;
(B) identify the capabilities of vulnerability assessment tools, including open source tools; and
(C) explain the concept of penetration testing, tools, and techniques.

(17) Risk assessment. The student evaluates the risks of wireless networks. The student is expected to:
(A) compare risks associated with connecting devices to public and private wireless networks;
(B) explain device vulnerabilities and security solutions on a wireless network;
(C) compare wireless encryption protocols;
(D) debate the broadcasting or hiding of a wireless service set identifier (SSID); and
(E) research and discuss wireless threats such as MAC spoofing and war driving.

(18) Risk assessment. The student analyzes threats to computer applications. The student is expected to:
(A) define application security;
(B) identify methods of application security such as secure development practices;
(C) discuss methods of online spoofing such as web links in email, instant messaging, social media, and other online communication with malicious links;
(D) explain the purpose and function of vulnerability scanners;
(E) explain how coding errors may create system vulnerabilities; and
(F) analyze the risks of distributing insecure programs.

(19) Risk assessment. The student understands the implications of sharing information and access with others. The student is expected to:
(A) describe the impact of granting applications unnecessary permissions;
(B) describe the risks of granting third parties access to personal and proprietary data on social media and systems; and
(C) describe the risks involved with accepting Terms of Service (ToS) or End User License Agreements (EULA) without a basic understanding of the terms or agreements.

§130.429. Cybersecurity Capstone (One Credit).
(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. This course is recommended for students in Grades 11 and 12. Recommended prerequisite: Foundations of Cybersecurity.

(b) Introduction.
(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging foundations.
(2) The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing scientific research and professional and technical services, including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

(3) Cybersecurity is an evolving discipline concerned with safeguarding computers, networks, programs, and data from unauthorized access. As a field, it has gained prominence with the emergence of a globally-connected society. As computing has become more sophisticated, so too have the abilities of malicious agents looking to penetrate networks and seize private information. By evaluating prior incidents, cybersecurity professionals have the ability to craft appropriate responses to minimize disruptions to corporations, governments, and individuals.

(4) In the Cybersecurity Capstone course, students will develop the knowledge and skills needed to explore advanced concepts related to the ethics, laws, and operations of cybersecurity. Students will examine trends and operations of cyberattacks, threats, and vulnerabilities. Students will develop security policies to mitigate risks. The skills obtained in this course prepare students for additional study toward industry certification. A variety of courses are available to students interested in the cybersecurity field. Cybersecurity Capstone may serve as a culminating course in this field of study.

(5) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(6) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Employability skills. The student demonstrates necessary skills for career development and successful completion of course outcomes. The student is expected to:

(A) identify and demonstrate employable work behaviors such as regular attendance, punctuality, maintenance of a professional work environment, and effective written and verbal communication;

(B) identify and demonstrate positive personal qualities such as authenticity, resilience, initiative, and a willingness to learn new knowledge and skills;

(C) solve problems and think critically;

(D) demonstrate leadership skills and function effectively as a team member; and

(E) demonstrate an understanding of ethical and legal responsibilities in relation to the field of cybersecurity.

(2) Employability skills. The student identifies various employment opportunities in the cybersecurity field. The student is expected to:

(A) develop a personal career plan along with the education, job skills, and experience necessary to achieve career goals;

(B) develop a resume or a portfolio appropriate to a chosen career plan; and

(C) illustrate interview skills for successful job placement.

(3) Ethics and laws. The student evaluates ethical and current legal standards, rights and restrictions governing technology, technology systems, digital media and information technology, and the use of social media in the context of today’s society. The student is expected to:

(A) analyze and apply to a scenario local, state, national, and international cyber law such as David's Law and Digital Millennium Copyright Act;

(B) evaluate historic cases or events regarding cyber; and

(C) explore compliance requirements such as Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), Health Insurance
(4) Digital citizenship. The student understands and demonstrates the social responsibility of end users regarding significant issues relating to digital technology, safety, digital hygiene, and cyberbullying. The student is expected to:
(A) debate the relationship between privacy and security; and
(B) identify ethical or unethical behavior when presented with various scenarios related to cyber activities.

(5) Cybersecurity skills. The student explains the importance and process of penetration testing. The student is expected to:
(A) define the phases of penetration testing, including plan, discover, attack, and report;
(B) develop a plan to gain authorization for penetration testing;
(C) identify commonly used vulnerability scanning tools such as port scanning, packet sniffing, and password crackers;
(D) develop a list of exploits based on results of scanning tool reports; and
(E) prioritize a list of mitigations based on results of scanning tool reports.

(6) Cybersecurity skills. The student understands common cryptographic methods. The student is expected to:
(A) evaluate symmetric and asymmetric algorithms such as substitution cipher, Advanced Encryption Standard (AES), Diffie-Hellman, and Rivest-Shamir-Adleman (RSA);
(B) explain the purpose of hashing algorithms, including blockchain;
(C) explain the function of password salting;
(D) explain and create a digital signature; and
(E) explain steganography.

(7) Cybersecurity skills. The student understands the concept of cyber defense. The student is expected to:
(A) explain the purpose of establishing system baselines;
(B) evaluate the role of physical security;
(C) evaluate the functions of network security devices such as firewalls, intrusion detection systems (IDS), intrusion prevention systems (IPS), and intrusion detection prevention systems (IDPS);
(D) analyze log files for anomalies; and
(E) develop a plan demonstrating the concept of defense in depth.

(8) Cybersecurity skills. The student demonstrates an understanding of secure network design. The student is expected to:
(A) explain the benefits of network segmentation, including sandboxes, air gaps, and virtual local area networks (VLAN);
(B) investigate the role of software-managed networks, including virtualization;
(C) discuss the role of honeypots and honeynets in networks; and
(D) create an incoming and outgoing network policy for a firewall.

(9) Cybersecurity skills. The student integrates principles of digital forensics. The student is expected to:
(A) identify cyberattacks by their signatures;
(B) explain proper data acquisition;
(C) examine evidence from devices for suspicious activities; and
(D) research current cybercrime cases involving digital forensics.

(10) Cybersecurity skills. The student explores emerging technology. The student is expected to:
(A) describe the integration of artificial intelligence and machine learning in cybersecurity;
(B) investigate impacts made by predictive analytics on cybersecurity; and
(C) research other emerging trends such as augmented reality and quantum computing.

(11) Cybersecurity skills. The student uses various operating system environments. The student is expected to:
(A) issue commands via the command line interface (CLI) such as ls, cd, pwd, cp, mv, chmod, ps, sudo, and passwd;
(B) describe the file system structure for multiple operating systems;
(C) manipulate and edit files within the CLI; and
(D) determine network status using the CLI with commands such as ping, ifconfig/ipconfig, traceroute/tracert, and netstat.

(12) Cybersecurity skills. The student clearly and effectively communicates technical information. The student is expected to:
(A) collaborate with others to create a technical report;
(B) create, review, and edit a report summarizing technical findings; and
(C) present technical information to a non-technical audience.

(13) Risk assessment. The student analyzes various types of threats, attacks, and vulnerabilities. The student is expected to:
(A) differentiate types of attacks, including operating systems, software, hardware, network, physical, social engineering, and cryptographic;
(B) explain blended threats such as combinations of software, hardware, network, physical, social engineering, and cryptographic;
(C) discuss risk response techniques, including accept, transfer, avoid, and mitigate;
(D) develop a plan of preventative measures to address cyberattacks;
(E) describe common web vulnerabilities such as cross-site scripting, buffer overflow, injection, spoofing, and denial of service;
(F) describe common data destruction and media sanitation practices such as wiping, shredding, and degaussing; and
(G) develop an incident response plan for a given scenario or recent attack.

(14) Risk assessment. The student understands risk management processes and concepts. The student is expected to:
(A) describe various access control methods such as mandatory access control (MAC), role-based access control (RBAC), and discretionary access control (DAC);
(B) develop and defend a plan for multi-factor access control using components such as biometric verification systems, key cards, tokens, and passwords; and
(C) review a disaster recovery plan (DRP) that includes backups, redundancies, system dependencies, and alternate sites.

(15) Risk assessment. The student investigates the role and effectiveness of environmental controls. The student is expected to:

(A) explain commonly used physical security controls, including lock types, fences, barricades, security doors, and mantraps; and

(B) describe the role of embedded systems such as fire suppression; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems; security alarms; and video monitoring.

§130.430. Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science A (Two Credits).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded two credits for successful completion of this course. Recommended prerequisites: Algebra I or a student should be comfortable with functions and the concepts found in the uses of functional notation such as f(x) = x + 2 and f(x) = g(h(x)).

(b) Content requirements. Content requirements for Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science A are prescribed in the College Board Publication Advanced Placement Course Description: Computer Science A, published by The College Board.

§130.431. Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Principles (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. Recommended prerequisite: Algebra I.

(b) Content requirements. Content requirements for Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Principles are prescribed in the College Board Publication Advanced Placement® Curriculum Framework: AP Computer Science Principles, published by The College Board.

§130.432. International Baccalaureate (IB) Computer Science Standard Level (Two Credits)

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded two credits for successful completion of this course. Recommended prerequisites: Computer Science I, Algebra II.

(b) Content requirements. Content requirements for IB Computer Science Standard Level are prescribed by the International Baccalaureate Organization. Subject guides may be obtained from International Baccalaureate of North America.

§130.433. International Baccalaureate (IB) Computer Science Higher Level (Two Credits).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded two credits for successful completion of this course. Recommended prerequisites: Computer Science I, Algebra II.

(b) Content requirements. Content requirements for IB Computer Science Higher Level are prescribed by the International Baccalaureate Organization. Subject guides may be obtained from International Baccalaureate of North America.

§130.434. International Baccalaureate (IB) Information Technology in a Global Society Standard Level (Two Credits).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded two credits for successful completion of this course. Recommended prerequisites: Computer Science I, Algebra II.

(b) Content requirements. Content requirements for IB Information Technology in a Global Society Standard Level are prescribed by the International Baccalaureate Organization. Subject guides may be obtained from International Baccalaureate of North America.
§130.435. International Baccalaureate (IB) Information Technology in a Global Society Higher Level (Two Credits).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded two credits for successful completion of this course. Recommended prerequisites: Computer Science I, Algebra II.

(b) Content requirements. Content requirements for IB Information Technology in a Global Society Higher Level are prescribed by the International Baccalaureate Organization. Subject guides may be obtained from International Baccalaureate of North America.
STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The new sections are proposed under Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.102(c)(4), which requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) to establish curriculum and graduation requirements; TEC, §28.002(a), which identifies the subjects of the required curriculum; TEC, §28.002(c), which requires the SBOE to by rule identify the essential knowledge and skills of each subject in the required curriculum that all students should be able to demonstrate and that will be used in evaluating instructional materials and addressed on the state assessment instruments; and TEC, §28.025(a), which requires the SBOE to by rule determine the curriculum requirements for the foundation high school graduation program that are consistent with the required curriculum under the TEC, §28.002.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The new sections implement Texas Education Code, §§7.102(c)(4); 28.002(a) and (c); and 28.025(a).

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§130.485. Oil and Gas Production I (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. This course is recommended for students in Grades 9-12. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course.

(b) Introduction.
   
   (1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.
   
   (2) The Energy Career Cluster focuses on Texas's diverse economic landscape, geography and natural resources, including renewable energy potential, transportation system, labor force, and leadership in environmental research.
   
   (3) In Oil and Gas Production I, students will identify specific career opportunities and skills, abilities, tools, certification, and safety measures associated with each career. Students will also understand components, systems, equipment, and production and safety regulations associated with oil and gas wells. To prepare for careers in oil and gas production, students must attain academic skills and knowledge, acquire technical knowledge and skills related to oil and gas production and the workplace, and develop knowledge and skills regarding career opportunities, entry requirements, and industry expectations. To prepare for success, students need opportunities to learn, reinforce, apply, and transfer their knowledge and skills and technologies in a variety of settings.
   
   (4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.
   
   (5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

   (1) The student demonstrates professional standards/employability skills as required by business and industry. The student is expected to:
   
   (A) identify career development, education, and entrepreneurship opportunities in the oil and gas production field;
   
   (B) apply competencies related to resources, information, interpersonal skills, problem solving, critical thinking, and systems of operation;
   
   (C) demonstrate knowledge of personal and occupational safety, environmental regulations, and first-aid policy in the workplace;
   
   (D) analyze employers' expectations such as appropriate work habits, ethical conduct, legal responsibilities, and good citizenship skills; and
   
   (E) demonstrate leadership skills to accomplish organizational goals and objectives.
(2) The student understands the history of and process for drilling a well. The student is expected to:

(A) describe the history of drilling for petroleum in the United States and abroad;
(B) describe and appraise routine drilling operations, offshore drilling, and new drilling technologies;
(C) describe the tools and techniques for directional drilling;
(D) examine the differences between fishing, retrieving, and repairing pipe;
(E) describe the methods for completing a well in order for production to begin;
(F) assess fluid pressure;
(G) determine how the flow is initiated in a new well;
(H) differentiate between major components of a well and discuss the purpose, design, and operation of each component;
(I) describe activities associated with completing a well;
(J) describe the well completion processes and equipment;
(K) summarize the instruments and techniques used when logging and testing during the drilling and completion of a well;
(L) list the factors that are analyzed when studying a poorly producing well; and
(M) identify the responsibilities, characteristics, abilities, and work behaviors of personnel that are involved in well service.

(3) The student discusses and identifies components, systems, equipment, production, and safety regulations associated with oil and gas wells. The student is expected to:

(A) identify the major systems and equipment used in the production of oil and gas;
(B) identify and describe the wellhead equipment that controls fluid flow;
(C) trace the process flow through the oil and gas production systems and equipment;
(D) discuss the purpose of the wellhead and identify the major components;
(E) describe the purpose, design, and operation of each wellhead component;
(F) compare and contrast the major differences in wellhead construction;
(G) compare and contrast onshore and offshore facilities;
(H) compare and contrast oil and gas regions within the United States;
(I) describe the safety, health, and environmental concerns associated with working around a wellhead;
(J) explain how the wellhead system affects other production systems tied to the wellhead;
(K) describe the activities associated with monitoring and regulating well flow;
(L) describe the wellhead maintenance activities performed by the production technician;
(M) operate and troubleshoot a wellhead using a computer simulator, pilot plant, or tabletop unit; and
(N) identify the operating conditions that would warrant a manual or automatic shut-in of a well and steps involved in a manual shut-in of a well.

(4) The student discusses safety issues related to the oil and gas industry. The student is expected to:

(A) describe the safety, health, and environmental concerns associated with drilling, production, and maintenance; and
research safety standards in the petroleum industry such as the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), United States Coast Guard (USCG), American Petroleum Institute (API), Department of Transportation (DOT), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), American National Standards Institute (ANSI), and others.

§130.486. Oil and Gas Production II (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. This course is recommended for students in Grades 10-12. Prerequisite: Oil and Gas Production I. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Energy Career Cluster focuses on Texas's diverse economic landscape, geography and natural resources, including renewable energy potential, transportation system, labor force, and leadership in environmental research.

(3) In Oil and Gas Production II, students will gain knowledge of the specific requirements for entry into post-secondary education and employment in the petroleum industry; research and discuss petroleum economics; research and discuss the modes of transportation in the petroleum industry; research and discuss environmental, health, and safety concerns; research and discuss different energy sources; and prepare for industry certification. To prepare for careers in oil and gas production, students must attain academic skills and knowledge, acquire technical knowledge and skills related to oil and gas production and the workplace, and develop knowledge and skills regarding career opportunities, entry requirements, and industry expectations. To prepare for success, students need opportunities to learn, reinforce, apply, and transfer their knowledge and skills and technologies in a variety of settings.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) The student demonstrates professional standards/employability skills as required by business and industry. The student is expected to:

(A) identify career development, education, and entrepreneurship opportunities in the oil and gas production field;

(B) identify careers in oil and gas production with required aptitudes in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, language arts, and/or social studies;

(C) apply technology skills to create an electronic portfolio of skills and abilities;

(D) apply competencies related to resources, information, interpersonal skills, problem solving, critical thinking, and systems of operation;

(E) demonstrate knowledge of personal and occupational safety, health, environmental regulations, and first-aid policy in the workplace; and

(F) analyze employers' expectations, including appropriate work habits, ethical conduct, legal responsibilities, and good citizenship skills.

(2) The student researches and discusses the modes of transportation and environmental, health, and safety concerns. The student is expected to:
(A) describe evolution of transportation in the petroleum industry;
(B) research and access the various ground methods of transportation;
(C) survey health and safety policies, procedures, regulations, and practices as they relate to transportation in the petroleum industry;
(D) research and discuss petroleum economics;
(E) compare marketing, sales, and distribution of petroleum products;
(F) identify supply chain businesses that create new supplies of oil and gas;
(G) identify supply creation companies and how they operate;
(H) discuss the factors in investment decision making; and
(I) calculate rates of return to evaluate prospects.

(3) The student researches the different methods of disposing of oil and gas waste and methods of cleanup. The student is expected to:
(A) discuss the disposal methods of exploration and production wastes;
(B) identify cleanup methods for blowouts and spills; and
(C) identify refining processes that minimize environmental impact.

(4) The student researches and identifies the different energy sources and priorities for the oil and gas industry. The student is expected to:
(A) research the petroleum industry to identify renewable energy sources;
(B) present the challenges and priorities of the petroleum industry;
(C) research the critical technologies needed in the future; and
(D) research the non-technical solutions to energy needs.

§130.487. Oil and Gas Production III (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. This course is recommended for students in Grades 11 and 12. Prerequisite: Oil and Gas Production II. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Energy Career Cluster focuses on Texas's diverse economic landscape, geography and natural resources, including renewable energy potential, transportation system, labor force, and leadership in environmental research.

(3) In Oil and Gas Production III, students will gain knowledge of hydraulic and pneumatic systems and skill requirements to work in oil and gas and related industries. Students complete an advance core curriculum that includes hydraulic and pneumatic systems involved in oil and gas production. This program is designed to train students in all areas of down and mid-stream operation skills.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.
(1) The student demonstrates professional standards/employability skills as required by business and industry. The student is expected to:

(A) identify career development, education, and entrepreneurship opportunities in the oil and gas production field;

(B) identify careers in oil and gas production with required aptitudes in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, language arts, and/or social studies;

(C) apply technology skills to create an electronic portfolio of skills and abilities;

(D) apply competencies related to resources, information, interpersonal skills, problem solving, critical thinking, and systems of operation;

(E) demonstrate knowledge of personal and occupational safety, health, environmental regulations, and first-aid policy in the workplace; and

(F) analyze employers' expectations, including appropriate work habits, ethical conduct, legal responsibilities, and good citizenship skills.

(2) The student identifies the importance of oil field hydraulics and its contributions to the oil and gas industry. The student is expected to:

(A) identify companies that contributed to oil field hydraulics and fracturing and discuss those contributions;

(B) explain the history of hydraulic fracturing and its importance to the oil field industry and the process of producing wells in North America;

(C) describe the impact of hydraulics on energy in North America; and

(D) explain the impact on new oil and natural gas production in North America as it relates to technology.

(3) The student demonstrates an understanding of pneumatics and hydraulics and their significance and application in the petroleum engineering industry. The student is expected to:

(A) describe and define the basic functional components of the pneumatic system and the function of a pneumatic schematic;

(B) explain pneumatic pressure and identify its unit of measure during application procedures;

(C) explain the importance of a hydraulic system and identify the hydraulic system's five basic components (hydraulic pump, control valves, actuators, reservoir, and accumulators), including the hydraulic system's significance in the petroleum engineering industry; and

(D) define hydraulics and identify its unit of measure during application procedures.

(4) The student explains and demonstrates the six pneumatic safety rules and the importance of the rules in the petroleum industry. The student is expected to:

(A) explain the six pneumatic safety rules, including wearing safety glasses when building and operating pneumatics, keeping fingers clear of piston rods, never blowing compressed air at anyone, not turning the main air supply on until a circuit is connected, turning the air off if air is leaking from a joint, and turning the air off before altering a circuit;

(B) demonstrate safety precaution measures in pneumatics and discuss the importance of safety equipment during this process; and

(C) demonstrate and explain the importance of a pressure regulator in pneumatics, including the historical significance.
The student demonstrates an understanding of basic cylinder circuits and pneumatic cylinder circuits and their significance and applications in the petroleum engineering industry. The student is expected to:

(A) explain the functions of the operation of a double acting pneumatic cylinder and each of its functions;
(B) describe the operation of five-way three-position directional control valves (DCV);
(C) describe the function of a pneumatic quick-connect fitting; and
(D) demonstrate how to safely connect the pneumatic circuit with a quick-connect fitting.

The student understands the impact of a hydraulic schematic in oil field applications. The student is expected to:

(A) describe ISO symbols and appropriately use them to draw a hydraulic schematic; and
(B) create a hydraulic schematic.

The student identifies the principles of hydraulic pressure and flow and discusses the basic hydraulic cylinder circuits and their application. The student is expected to:

(A) calculate the force output of an extending cylinder and the retraction force of a cylinder;
(B) explain the relevance of Pascal's Law to hydraulics;
(C) identify and discuss hydraulic motors and pumps; and
(D) identify hydraulic cylinders and their impact on single and double acting circuits.

§130.488. Oil and Gas Production IV (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. This course is recommended for students in Grades 11 and 12. Prerequisite: Oil and Gas Production III. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content alignment with challenging academic standards and relevant knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Energy Career Cluster focuses on Texas's diverse economic landscape, geography and natural resources, including renewable energy potential, transportation system, labor force, and leadership in environmental research.

(3) Oil and Gas Production IV is designed to extend training for future petroleum engineering technicians in all areas of down and mid-stream operations. Students complete an intense core curriculum in areas that include hydrocarbon safety, drilling, petroleum geology, oil and gas exploration and production, reservoir operations, well head completions, petroleum data management operations and analysis, natural gas production, and economics. In conjunction with this course, students employ the latest computer software in engineering and petroleum operations, data mining, and geological mapping.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) The student demonstrates professional standards/employability skills as required by business and industry. The student is expected to:
(A) identify career development, education, and entrepreneurship opportunities in the oil and gas production field;
(B) identify careers in oil and gas production with required aptitudes in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, language arts, and/or social studies;
(C) apply technology skills to create an electronic portfolio of skills and abilities;
(D) apply competencies related to resources, information, interpersonal skills, problem solving, critical thinking, and systems of operation;
(E) demonstrate knowledge of personal and occupational safety, health, environmental regulations, and first-aid policy in the workplace; and
(F) analyze employers' expectations, including appropriate work habits, ethical conduct, legal responsibilities, and good citizenship skills.

(2) The student explains the phases of well construction. The student is expected to:
(A) describe the function of the well completion phase and the different hole tests used in well completions;
(B) design the completion of the reservoir using technology such as computer designing software;
(C) describe the open hole completion and sand control completion processes; and
(D) describe conventional completions and their components and how they relate to production tubing.

(3) The student explains the concepts of safety in well completions and indicates tools and procedures for completing a drilled wellbore. The student is expected to:
(A) research health and safety standards for the workplace and environment such as Standards and Wireline Operations and Procedures and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and standards provided by professional organizations in the oil and gas industry such as the American Chemical Society, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Center for the Advancement of Process Technology, Gulf Coast Process Technology Alliance, and American Petroleum Institute (API);
(B) identify well completion tools and equipment and their use during each well completion phase; and
(C) analyze the cost of safety during well completions.

(4) The student explains the concepts of hydraulic fracturing and its role during the well completion phase. The student is expected to:
(A) describe how the generic well design and drilling mud systems impact drilling;
(B) interpret ways in which generic platform wells, cuttings disposal routes, and drilling fluid design impact the generic well design; and
(C) evaluate the significance of reservoir formations.

(5) The student discusses the potential hazards and possible solutions of well and equipment testing. The student is expected to:
(A) evaluate potential hazards and formulate a safety plan that covers safety guidelines and equipment, including first-aid and safety uniforms;
(B) describe and accurately measure the flow of oil, gas, and water in real time;
(C) ensure precautions and measures are considered during the surface well testing; and
(D) discuss the importance of knowing the surrounding environment when well testing.
The student researches the different types of coring and core analysis used in well completions and how they play an important role in well completion. The student is expected to:

(A) describe the role of coring and core analysis in well completions;

(B) identify the relationship between the factors such as core analysis and well logging that play an active role in well completions;

(C) explain well logging and its importance in formation evaluation;

(D) research different methods of formation testing by acquiring core samples;

(E) research drill stem testing;

(F) explain drill stem tests and their importance in measuring the flow of oil and gas in well completions; and

(G) evaluate the cost of completion operations for well completion.

§130.489. Introduction to Process Technology (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. This course is recommended for students in Grades 11 and 12. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Energy Career Cluster focuses on Texas's diverse economic landscape, geography and natural resources, including renewable energy potential, transportation system, labor force, and leadership in environmental research.

(3) In Introduction to Process Technology, students will learn the social significance and workforce impact of process technology in industry and the opportunities available at various levels of education and training in industries using process technology.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) The student demonstrates professional standards/employability skills as required by business and industry. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate skills related to health and safety in the workplace as specified by appropriate government regulations;

(B) demonstrate the standards required in the workplace such as interviewing skills, flexibility, willingness to learn new skills and acquire knowledge, self-discipline, self-worth, positive attitude, and integrity in a work situation;

(C) collaborate with others to solve problems;

(D) identify employers' work expectations; and

(E) research, evaluate, and apply various time-management techniques to develop work schedules.

(2) The student understands common definitions, terminology, and the basic foundations related to process technology. The student is expected to:
(A) describe the types of industry utilizing process technology and identify fields related to process technology;
(B) identify and describe the career opportunities in process technology, pathways to career development, and certification requirements of industries utilizing process technology, including job responsibilities, typical work schedules, and career opportunities;
(C) demonstrate the use of content such as technical concepts and vocabulary when analyzing information and following directions;
(D) identify currently emerging issues in process technology; and
(E) identify principles of instruments and instrument technology used in industrial process technology.

(3) The student identifies and discusses types of industrial piping, valves, and basic process equipment. The student is expected to:
(A) discuss the basics of piping, valves, and equipment used in industry; and
(B) demonstrate the ability to read and interpret the various types of industrial drawings, diagrams, and data sheets related to industrial piping, valves, and equipment.

(4) The student identifies and discusses the types of industrial electrical equipment and instrumentation used in process technology. The student is expected to:
(A) demonstrate the ability to read and interpret the various types of industrial drawings, diagrams, charts, and data sheets related to industrial electrical equipment;
(B) interpret industry standard circuit schematics;
(C) identify areas where quality, reliability, and safety can be integrated into a product; and
(D) describe the principles of electricity as applied in industrial process technology.

(5) The student discusses safety issues related to industrial process technology. The student is expected to:
(A) describe the safety, health, and environmental concerns and requirements for industries using process technology along with the history that led to modern standards;
(B) analyze and execute safety guidelines as described in various manuals, instructions, and regulations;
(C) describe the implications of negligent or improper maintenance;
(D) discuss and demonstrate how precision measuring instruments are used in industrial process technology; and
(E) research agencies that govern safety in industrial process technology, including their authority and requirements.

(6) The student demonstrates understanding of basic industrial mathematics. The student is expected to:
(A) perform common computations required in industrial process technology using mastered calculator skills;
(B) determine when to convert between fractions, decimals, whole numbers, and percentages mentally, on paper, or with a calculator when required in industrial process technology;
(C) identify and quantify causes and effects of uncertainties in measured data;
(D) demonstrate how exponents, symbols, and the order of operations are used to solve real world word problems commonly seen in process technology;
(E) determine appropriate formulas to compute cross sections, surface areas, and volumes of geometric figures such as circles, squares, and cylinders;
(F) estimate measurements and solve application problems involving industry drawings and data sheets using consistent units for all measurements and computation;
(G) describe and discuss how to use scientific notation and International System (SI) units to gather and record data with accuracy and precision;
(H) organize and evaluate data and make inferences from data, including the use of tables, charts, and graphs;
(I) determine a dimension of an object given a scaled drawing having no dimensions; and
(J) represent and solve problems involving proportional relationships, including conversions between measurement systems using multiplication by a given constant factor such as unit rate.

(7) The student applies concepts of critical thinking and problem solving. The student is expected to:

(A) analyze elements of a problem to develop innovative solutions;
(B) critically analyze information to determine value to the problem-solving task;
(C) analyze a variety of problem-solving strategies and critical-thinking skills; and
(D) conduct technical research to gather information necessary for decision making.

(8) The student applies comprehensive knowledge in a simulation environment to demonstrate the mastery of the concepts covered in this course. The student is expected to:

(A) represent or simulate a portion of a process system by generating an appropriate drawing, diagram, or data sheet;
(B) demonstrate how to achieve a specific goal with the use of a simple mockup of a process system;
(C) execute a simple mockup of a process system to achieve a specified goal;
(D) demonstrate appropriate safety equipment selection for use in a variety of assigned tasks;
(E) identify and apply mathematical operations to complete calculations and specified computations, including unit conversions for a simulated process system;
(F) explain how visual depictions, data readouts, and trends in a computer-based process simulator relate to actual valves, piping, equipment, electrical gear, and instrumentation in a process system; and
(G) develop critical-thinking skills using simulations to identify and solve problems associated with process technology.

(9) The student presents conclusions, research findings, and designs using a variety of media throughout the course. The student is expected to:

(A) discuss and critique the validity of conclusions supported by the data through various methods such as lab reports, labeled drawings, graphic organizers, journals, summaries, oral reports, and technology-based reports; and
(B) record, express, and manipulate relationships among data using graphs, charts, and equations.

§130.490. Foundations of Energy (One Credit).

(a) General requirements This course is recommended for students in Grades 9-12. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of the course.

(b) Introduction.
(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and success in current or emerging energy professions.

(2) The Energy Career Cluster focuses on Texas's diverse economic landscape, geography and natural resources, including renewable energy potential, transportation system, labor force, and leadership in environmental research.

(3) In Foundations of Energy, students will conduct laboratory and field investigations, use scientific practices during investigations, and make informed decisions using critical thinking and scientific problem solving. Various systems will be described in terms of energy. Students will study a variety of topics that include energy transformation, the law of conservation of energy, energy efficiency, interrelationships among energy resources and society, and sources and flow of energy through the production, transmission, processing, and use of energy. Students will apply these concepts and perform investigations and experiments at least 40% of the time using safe practices.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) The student demonstrates professional standards/employability skills as required by business and industry. The student is expected to:

(A) evaluate the importance of dressing appropriately, speaking politely, and conducting oneself in a manner appropriate for the profession;
(B) cooperate, contribute, and collaborate as a member of a group in an effort to achieve a positive collective outcome;
(C) present written and oral communication in a clear, concise, and effective manner;
(D) demonstrate time-management skills by prioritizing tasks, following schedules, and performing goal-relevant activities in a way that produces efficient results;
(E) demonstrate punctuality, dependability, reliability, and responsibility in performing assigned tasks as directed;
(F) discuss and exhibit teamwork and leadership skills necessary for the workplace;
(G) define and demonstrate effective problem-solving skills; and
(H) apply computer-based skills and other technologies relevant to the energy industry.

(2) The student analyzes current and future career opportunities in the energy sector, including oil and gas exploration and production, refining and chemical processing, and renewable energy. The student is expected to:

(A) evaluate energy systems and identify careers within those systems;
(B) examine past market and employment trends in the energy sector;
(C) discuss current issues in energy production and predict future needs and employment opportunities in this field;
(D) identify career development, education, credentialing, and entrepreneurship opportunities in the energy sector; and
(E) apply competencies related to resources, information, and systems of operation in the energy sector.

(3) The student conducts laboratory and field investigations using safe, environmentally appropriate, and ethical practices. The student is expected to:
(A) demonstrate safe practices during laboratory and field investigations;

(B) use a wide variety of additional course apparatuses, equipment, techniques, and procedures as appropriate such as satellite imagery and other remote sensing data, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Global Positioning System (GPS), scientific probes, microscopes, telescopes, modern video and image libraries, weather stations, fossil and rock kits, tectonic plate models, and planetary globes;

(C) engage in meaningful hands-on, minds-on conceptual activities in the areas of energy; and

(D) demonstrate an understanding of the use and conservation of resources and proper disposal or recycling of materials.

(4) The student uses critical thinking and problem solving to make informed decisions within and outside the classroom. The student is expected to:

(A) communicate and present valid conclusions from energy information extracted from various sources such as current events, news reports, published journal articles, and marketing materials;

(B) explain the impacts of energy discoveries by a variety of historical and contemporary scientists and entrepreneurs on current societal attitudes;

(C) compare advantages and disadvantages in the use of the various energy sources; and

(D) distinguish between scientific decision making (scientific methods) and ethical and social decisions that involve science (the application of scientific information).

(5) The student presents conclusions, research findings, and designs using a variety of media throughout the course. The student is expected to:

(A) develop written and oral presentation skills related to energy issues and solutions by researching and describing the history of energy production in Texas and contributions of scientists and entrepreneurs; and

(B) develop data retrieval and analysis skills related to energy production and use by researching information about energy sources, including renewable and non-renewable sources, and energy efficiency and how each source is used to produce electrical energy.

(6) The student examines and explains concepts and procedures related to energy. The student is expected to:

(A) identify general purposes for energy, including transportation, light, cooking, heating or cooling, entertainment, and cleaning;

(B) explain and demonstrate transformations among various energy forms, including potential, kinetic, chemical, mechanical, electrical, and light energy;

(C) analyze the role of gravity in transforming energy;

(D) investigate and calculate the relationship between work, potential energy, and kinetic energy;

(E) examine various types of energy transfer mechanisms, determine the original form of energy and what form that energy is being transformed into, and use examples to analyze and calculate the relationships among work, kinetic energy, and potential energy;

(F) describe and apply the law of conservation of energy; and

(G) use basic calorimetry to determine the amount of energy stored in substances such as coal.

(7) The student understands the basics of fluid mechanics related to energy discovery, production, and transportation. The student is expected to:
(A) identify fluids used as fuels, including liquids and gases;
(B) identify fluids used in the discovery, production, and transportation of energy sources;
(C) explain capillary action and relate it to energy production; and
(D) explain, using formulas, how pressure and temperature affect the behavior of fluids.

(8) The student understands how and where energy is produced and identifies Texas energy resources. The student is expected to:
(A) research the location of energy resources and power production plants in Texas;
(B) compile information on the history of energy production in Texas and describe its past and current importance to the U.S. economy;
(C) investigate the role of technology in the future development of energy usage;
(D) identify ways to conserve energy;
(E) map the major sources of energy used in Texas;
(F) assess the impact of the various energy sources on the economy in Texas;
(G) analyze how supply and demand impacts Texas's economy in relation to energy; and
(H) compare and contrast the impact of energy sources and supply and demand in Texas with national and global data.

(9) The student investigates how energy resources such as water, oil, and natural gas are stored underground in rock formations. The student is expected to:
(A) assess the properties and geological histories of rocks and rock formations that enable energy storage;
(B) determine the physical properties of permeability and porosity of rock formations and relate these properties to the amount of water, oil, and natural gas held in these formations;
(C) explain how aquifers function and locate major aquifers in Texas; and
(D) investigate how innovations such as hydraulic fracturing and high-power transmission lines have made massive energy resources such as oil, gas, wind, and electricity available in Texas.

(10) The student knows differences between renewable and non-renewable resources. The student is expected to:
(A) identify and describe various renewable and non-renewable resources;
(B) describe and compare the energy efficiency of renewable and non-renewable energy derived from natural and alternative sources such as oil, natural gas, coal, nuclear, solar, geothermal, hydroelectric, and wind;
(C) examine the benefits and hazards of using renewable and non-renewable energy sources;
(D) research methods by which benefits can be increased and hazards reduced in the use of renewable and non-renewable energy sources;
(E) examine different viewpoints of an energy source regarding availability, cost, potential pollution, impact to plant and animal habitat, and sustainability;
(F) analyze an energy source's relative availability and renewability and discuss how these factors inform decision making regarding a source's use; and
(G) analyze changing social perspectives and how they can influence scientific practices.
The student knows how energy impacts the student's life and the role energy plays in international relations, the environment, standards of living, and the economy. The student is expected to:

(A) analyze the impact energy has on the environment;
(B) research and discuss the ethical and social issues surrounding Earth's energy resources;
(C) analyze the advantages and disadvantages of an energy source's long-term use;
(D) explain the relationship between energy and quality of life;
(E) research and describe the connection between energy production, transmission, processing, and marketing; and
(F) analyze the impact and effectiveness of the measures taken by the United States and other countries to use energy to reduce greenhouse gases, improve water and air quality, and extend life expectancy.

The student investigates extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and area energy museums and displays. The student is expected to:

(A) identify a minimum of three energy professionals for potential speaking invitations either in person or via the Internet;
(B) research and describe an energy-related organization such as a museum or local business; and
(C) compare educational requirements for different energy industry jobs in Texas.

§130.491. Petrochemical Safety, Health, and Environment (One Credit).

(a) General requirements. The course is recommended for students in Grades 11 and 12. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course.

(b) Introduction.

(1) Career and technical education instruction provides content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills for students to further their education and succeed in current or emerging professions.

(2) The Energy Career Cluster focuses on Texas's diverse economic landscape, geography and natural resources, including renewable energy potential, transportation system, labor force, and leadership in environmental research.

(3) Petrochemical Safety, Health, and Environment addresses the shortage of process technology operators/technicians by educating students on the safety rules, regulations, and operations of the petrochemical process technology operator. Students enrolled in this course will learn about the knowledge and skills required in occupational safety, health, and environment as well as the governing regulatory authorities and the legal aspects of the industry in order to maintain a safe work environment.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

(5) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) The student demonstrates professional standards/employability skills as required by business and industry. The student is expected to:

(A) research the three major roles of safety, health, and environment as it pertains to process technology operators/technicians;
(B) describe the role of process technicians in relation to safety, health, and environmental issues;

(C) identify the importance of safety, health, and environment as they relate to the performance of all job tasks and regulatory compliance issues within the industries, including, but not limited to, petrochemical plants, refineries, oil and gas production, and power generation; and

(D) explain the importance of interpreting the safety, health, and environmental procedures standards, requirements, and regulations as a process technology operator/technician.

(2) The student examines compliance standards to ensure safe work practices as they relate to safety, health, and environmental regulations. The student is expected to:

(A) identify the legal governing agencies and describe regulatory requirements as they apply to the petrochemical industry, its employees, and the community;

(B) identify specific state and federal regulations and the related specific tasks performed by process technology operators/technicians;

(C) identify safety programs used in the gulf coast area;

(D) determine types of administrative controls and permitting systems to ensure safe work practices, especially as the controls relate to confined spaces and log-out and tag-out (LOTO);

(E) demonstrate the proper usage of typical safety equipment and systems used in local plants;

(F) describe how engineering controls are designed to allow process technology operators/technicians to operate equipment with system safeguards;

(G) describe the different types of personal protective equipment (PPE), including fire resistant clothing (FRC), hard hats, safety shoes, hearing protection, safety glasses, and acid suits;

(H) evaluate the types of monitors that measure exposure ratings for noise, heat, and radiation;

(I) describe the different types of respiratory protection according to their levels of protection, including air purifying, air supply, escape packs, and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA); and

(J) identify the types of monitoring instruments that process operators/technicians use to monitor the atmosphere, oxygen content, explosive atmosphere, and toxicity.

(3) The student summarizes the environmental requirements that are designed to safeguard society. The student is expected to:

(A) describe the types of spills and releases and the environmental factors that can impact them;

(B) identify specific systems that are in place to mitigate or prevent hazards to the environment and to individuals, including safe disposal of hazardous materials;

(C) identify the regulatory governmental agencies, including Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Mining Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), that protect our safety, health, and environment;

(D) identify the Hazard Communication (HAZCOM) program and its components, including written Emergency Response Plans (ERPs), labeling containers that contain hazardous chemicals, and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for hazardous chemicals produced or imported;
(E) describe the different types of hazards, including fire and explosions, ergonomic, biological, and blood borne pathogens; and

(F) describe the Maritime Security Act (MARSEC), which protects against terroristic threats.

(4) The student describes equipment and energy and work surface hazards. The student is expected to:

(A) define the types of equipment and energy and work surface hazards, including electrical, rotating equipment, thermal, elevation/heights/fall protection, chemical, slip and trips, and machine guarding;

(B) identify hazards as they pertain to construction, vehicles, weather, and security, and describe how to protect the point of access and the site, including contractors who might have limited safety knowledge, new equipment installation, traffic control, and training on heavy machinery; and

(C) determine how weather conditions can adversely impact safety at a petrochemical plant or other process industry, including heat stress, hurricanes, freeze precautions, adverse weather conditions, lightning, and wind.

(5) The student identifies environmental pollutants as well as regulations to protect the environment. The student is expected to:

(A) describe environmental pollutants, including toxic chemicals;

(B) identify the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) manual list of the hazardous and toxic chemicals for process control sites;

(C) summarize the EPA petition process for approval of chemicals created by a plant;

(D) determine the permissions that must be acquired before site production begins, including a toxicology report such as a Chemical Inventory Management System (CIMS) for a local plant; and

(E) describe the types of environmental controls that are in place to protect the environment such as monitoring and air and water permits.